



# SHERWOOD CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear SCS Families,

You are heavy on our minds and hearts as we navigate the COVID-19 crisis together. Our teachers and staff miss our SCS families very much. We know how difficult this is on so many levels for our community. Our goal at SCS is to create the best educational experience we can, given these very difficult circumstances. The most recent directive we received from Governor Kate Brown is that we ***"continue delivering supplemental education and learning supports to students to the extent practical through independent study and other appropriate options."***

We have gone through many different scenarios about how to deliver our curriculum and understand that it is best to have a self-paced plan appropriate for every grade level. Each teacher will do things a little differently, but we will have a combination of live video when possible, independent projects and supplemental resources for practice. Primarily, we will be using Google Hangouts and Google Classroom for grades 1st through 8th; Kindergarten will be using Seesaw. Through Google Classroom, you will also receive a guardian summary with daily announcements and classwork to assist your student.

At this time, we are working out the logistics regarding getting you materials from the classrooms. We may have a day where we do a car line drive through to give you textbooks and materials for an extended time period. Details are still being worked out and we will let you know specifics once finalized. Teachers are continuing to put together a bundle of lessons that are easy to access. We are also planning for ways students can have P.E. from home with Mrs. Stuckey, art with Mrs. Knee and music from Mrs. DuPriest. Our first day of "SCS at Home" is scheduled to be April 1st. Your teacher will be emailing you more information as the date gets closer.

As a family, figure out a schedule that works for you. In addition to our curriculum, here are a variety of free websites that can supplement learning:

BrainPop: [brainpop.com](http://brainpop.com)

Khan Academy: [khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org)

IXL: [ixl.com](http://ixl.com)

Scholastic: [classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html](http://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html)

Another great thing to do is have a family reading time where everyone reads at the same time. Have a cooking class, do art together, play board games as a family and explore the creatures in the backyard.

Every student will have a different reaction to this new situation. Some may take this all in stride and others may be very upset not to be in the classroom every day. We want to wrap our students in support if they are struggling. Our counselor, Kaylee Buchanan, is here to help.



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You can email her at [kbuchanan@sherwoodcharterschool.org](mailto:kbuchanan@sherwoodcharterschool.org) to set up a video chat for your student if needed. If you are looking for an additional resource to better explain the COVID-19 (coronavirus), you can find a short video from BrainPop here:

<https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus/>

Thank you for completing the Remote Learning Questionnaire. If you indicated a need for support materials, technology or chromebooks, we will be contacting you soon. For families who may require internet support, Comcast is providing internet essentials to those who qualify. You can find out how to apply and more about that here: <https://www.internetessentials.com/apply>. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire, please do so now using the link below: <https://forms.gle/BjuRHQyLEqE3RJQM7>

Lastly, I want to thank you for your support and kind words. We are all in this together. I want to thank you in advance for your grace and patience as we work out the kinks and glitches in this new, online adventure.

With H.E.A.R.T.,

Joy Raboli