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Dear Parents of FHS Students,

Within this communication piece, you will find a lot of information. I have separated the information into individual topics for ease of access. Please review carefully, and reach out to me with any questions or clarifications.

Grading

Per school board decision at the April board meeting, high school semester grades will follow a modified traditional grading system. Students will still earn letter grades (A/B/C/D), but those who would have received an F for failing the semester, will instead be given an Incomplete. This incomplete means that the student will be expected to finish any missing work from 4th quarter at the start of the next school year. Should this apply to your child, you will be contacted with the exact details at the end of May.

Things you need to know about grading:

1. The work students are doing during distance learning is entered into the gradebook and counts as the 4th quarter grade. Students who actively choose not to turn in work will be accountable for doing the work next semester.
2. 3rd and 4th quarters are each weighted at 50%.
3. Students are given 2 assignments per week with the expectation that they will be graded by their teachers. Because we have students completing the work via paper packets, you may not see the assignment in the gradebook right away.
4. If work is not done well, teachers will provide redos, unless the work submitted violates the Academic Integrity policy (see student handbook).
5. There will be no late work penalties during distance learning.
6. There will be no semester tests.
7. Seniors who receive an Incomplete for 2nd semester in a class required for graduation will still be able to participate in graduation, but will not receive a diploma until all academic requirements are complete.

Last Day of School

The official last day of school is May 15th. All distance learning work must be turned in on that day. No work will be accepted for grading after that time.

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Locker Clean-out/Laptop Return

More communication will come in a few weeks regarding turning in laptops and locker clean-out. Separate communication will be sent to Senior families regarding pickup of caps, gowns, and honor medallions.

Activities

All activities, including Prom, have been cancelled. There is a modified graduation plan that was approved by the school board and sent out to Seniors and their parents. More details on this will be shared once details are finalized.

Academic Awards Night

Academic Awards Night will go virtual this year! On April 27th at 7pm, tune into our district website to watch. There will be two separate presentations: one to announce our Senior scholarship winners, and the second to announce and recognize our academic awards for grades 9-12.

Underclassmen information

If your child is currently an 8th, 9th, or 10th grader, this section is for you. The State of South Dakota developed new graduation requirements and pathways, which affect your child. Last year, Mr. Cleveland presented this information to (current) 10th grade parents, and did so again during Parent-Teacher conferences in February for (current) 8th and 9th grade parents.

On April 28th at 7pm, Mr. Cleveland will host a Zoom meeting for parents of current 8th-10th grade parents to share information about the graduation pathways and how that affects class scheduling. The Zoom session will be recorded and uploaded to our website, for those who are unable to participate.

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95243915041?pwd=enNMeG0wdjhWMEQxSng5U1FmTU9adz09>

Meeting ID: 952 4391 5041

Password: Fliers

Please follow this link to take a quick survey: <https://cutt.ly/et1Moqc>

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we all get through this together!

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