

Dear Nashoba Tech Students and Families,

As mentioned in my previous communication, the Commissioner of Education has set out some additional guidelines for remote learning which he has asked us to implement in the beginning of May. These guidelines include moving forward in the curriculum in a meaningful, targeted way and expanding our efforts to engage students in learning. He has suggested a variety of methods by which to do this. We have used these suggestions as a starting point for the educational plan with which we will move forward beginning May 11. This plan is described below.

Plan Starting May 11

Teachers will begin posting work for the week on Fridays in order to give students and their families more time to plan work completion around job schedules, sharing of devices, and other responsibilities.

Teachers will begin marking student participation in Aspen twice/ week. Each of these will count as a grade in the third trimester. If students make contact with the teacher via an agreed upon means (Google Meet, email, 1:1 meeting, work submission, etc), the teacher will mark “Yes” in the grade book which will count as a 95%. If students do not make contact with the teacher, he/she will mark “No” in the grade book which will count as 50%.

In order to move forward in the curriculum with meaningful learning activities, teachers will also assign work based on new content and skills and give grades to students based upon the quality of that work. The previous shared grading rubric will still apply. It appears at the end of this message.

Additionally, in order to ensure students are connected, we have assigned a teacher-advisor to every student. This is a teacher the student already knows from his/her current schedule. If students are not engaging or seem to be struggling in some way, this teacher will be reaching out to provide support and is a resource that your family can reach out to during remote learning. The teacher-advisor will be sending a message to introduce him/herself this week.

Announcements

Advanced Placement Exams begin May 12. Remember to log on at least 30 minutes in advance to give yourself time to solve any technical issues

Clubs and spring sports continue to run virtually. If you are interested in participating use the attached contact information.

For Seniors

Senior Project presentations are due to the Vocational Coordinator, Mr. Scheminger jscheminger@nashobatech.net by Friday, May 15 at 3:00 pm. Remember, in order to earn a grade of Exceeds Expectations you must present the slideshow live or record yourself giving the presentation.

I have had a chance to look over Senior Survey results and developed a few ideas for honoring the Class of 2020. However, before finalizing anything, I will be meeting with Senior Class Officers and Senior Class Advisers on Tuesday. A description of Senior Events will follow shortly thereafter.

Grading Rubric for Remote Learning

95- Exceeds Expectations (EE) Quality and quantity of student's work demonstrates more than 30 minutes of time on task each class day for each academic subject and more than 90 minutes during the technical week. Assignments are 100% complete and results follow all teacher guidelines.

85- Meets Expectations (ME) Quality and quantity of student's work demonstrates about 30 minutes of time on task each day for each academic subject and 90 minutes each day during the technical week. Assignments are at least 80% complete and results follow most teacher guidelines.

75- Partially Meets Expectations (PM) Quality and quantity of student's work demonstrates 10-29 minutes of time on task each day for each academic subject and 30-89 minutes each day during the technical week. Assignments are at least 60% complete and results follow some teacher guidelines.

65- Not Meeting Expectations (NM) Quality and quantity of student's work demonstrates less than 10 minutes of time on task each day for each academic subject and less than 30 minutes each day during the technical week. Assignments are less than 60% complete. Results follow few if any teacher guidelines.

50- Not Attempted (NA) Student made no attempt to complete assigned enrichment activities.

Extracurricular Activities

Athletics:

Baseball- jcreed@nashobatech.net

Boys Lacrosse- jcreed@nashobatech.net

Girls Lacrosse- jcreed@nashobatech.net

Softball- dford@nashobatech.net

Tennis- lshaughnessy@nashobatech.net

Track- bsullivan@nashobatech.net

Clubs

Band llamore@nashobatech.net

Chorus llamore@nashobatech.net

Culinary- ccapraro@nashobatech.net

Gay-Straight Alliance jnardi-williams@nashobatech.net

Horticulture- mgilgun@nashobatech.net

Outdoors- bbarzaga@nashobatech.net

Students Against Destructive Decisions vpoulin@nashobatech.net ; dphillips@nashobatech.net

Viking Theatre esmith@nashobatech.net

Viking Voice- bsullivan@nashobatech.net

Yearbook- drochon@nashobatech.net