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Good Evening Families and Friends of NT!

As we head into the Holiday weekend, please find a few updates:

- **Lunch Service - Week Of April 13th:**
 - NT Student Lunch service for the week of April 13th will be the same as the past week...Monday, April 13th (3 Days) and Thursday, April 16th (2 Days). Times and routes will be sent on Sunday afternoon.
- **NTI Schedule for 4/13:**
 - Monday - Thursday will be NTI Lessons
 - Friday will be a student catch-up day - No new information will be assigned on Friday
- **IT Help**
 - Technology help will continue to be available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10AM to 2PM at Door #1. Night help is available on Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm. We also have a phone line available during those times. Call 937-234-7326 for phone support.
- **8th Grade Washington DC:**
 - As a result of many places in Washington DC being closed through at least June 1st, our 8th Grade Washington DC Trip has been officially postponed until November of 2020. Our current 8th Grade students will take this trip as freshmen in HS. Mr. Patrick is in the process of talking with our travel company and we will have information out on the final date very soon. This delay WILL NOT have any impact on our 7th students and their trip ability in the spring of 2021.
- **Graduation**
 - The district is waiting to receive more guidance from the Governor on the schools next steps. If we continue to be closed after May 1st, our FULL intention is to hold a ceremony for the Class of 2020...they deserve this opportunity. Please know that we will work together to provide assistance and flexibility in the interest of doing what is right for students to ensure that they graduate. Once our next steps are announced as a state, additional information will be sent very shortly after that announcement.
- **Mental Health Concerns**
 - Our mental health professionals are reaching out to families to ensure they have open lines of communication during the closure and to make alternative plans if necessary. In addition, our mental health counselors continue to monitor emails and reach out to our school families in need. Teletherapy and in-person sessions will be an option for meeting with your school based therapist. To reach your school mental health provider, you can email the provider directly through www.gebhartcounseling.org website. Find your provider on the "Our Team" page and click on her name to email directly. You can also call Gebhart Counseling at (937) 456-2805 to leave your provider a message.
 - If a student or parent is in crisis, you can reach out to the following local hotlines for assistance: Preble County Crisis Hotline (866) 532-3097. Crisis Text Line #4HOPE to 741741



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- **PROM**
 - Much like graduation, until we know our next steps past May 1st, we can not officially pick a date to reschedule or hold prom...but again know that our plan is to do something for our students once we have more information on when and if we can bring students together.
- **OHSAA Spring Sports Update**
 - The OHSAA sent out an email on April 8th with a few updates. Here is what is stated regarding Spring Sports.
 - OHSAA continues to stay in close contact with the state's leadership relative to stay-at-home order
 - If schools are closed for the remainder of the school year, spring sports will be cancelled in Ohio
 - The mandatory No-Contact period remains in place until at least May 1. No practices or group workouts may occur through this date.
 - No-contact does not mean 'electronic' communication is not permitted. In fact, OHSAA encourages coaches to maintain correspondence, provide workouts, etc. to INDIVIDUALS.
 - With a current return on May 4, the following schedule has been adopted for spring sports.
 - Each spring sport will begin May 9th
 - Baseball tournaments would start on 5/23
 - Softball tournaments would start on 5/29
 - Track tournaments would start on 6/9
 - If for any reason specific sites are shut down due to governor's orders, ALL sites will be shut down and a tournament will not be held.

As always, I would like to remind our families to be in contact with your students' teachers if you have any questions about work or access to work. If you need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact any of the administration or counselors to help resolve any questions:

ES Principal - Ed Eales (eeales@nationaltrail.us)

MS Principal - Jen Couch (jcouch@nationaltrail.us)

HS Principal - Mike Eyler (meyler@nationaltrail.us)

K-8 Counselor - Lin Kauffman (lkauffman@nationaltrail.us)

9-12 Counselor - Brittany Egbert (begbert@nationaltrail.us)

Superintendent - Bob Fischer (bfischer@nationaltrail.us)

Finally, please take time to be with your family and loved ones this weekend..play a game, watch a movie and/or go for a walk...but most importantly, I would encourage all families and students to take a break from their computers and enjoy some downtime. I know I've asked our NT staff to do the same.

We are ALL in this together and NT is dedicated to making this experience as easy as possible.

Have a great weekend!

Robert O. Fischer
Superintendent