

Hello everyone,

We want to start by saying we miss everyone's bright and shining faces! Here this week's updates.

### **Schedule**

As we transition into this uncharted territory, we want to create routine (because we love routine!). Our hope is to alleviate some of the stress and amount of work that students have to do for the rest of their classes. So this is our plan for students in the instrumental music program at Burke:

- Monday - Updates and Weekly Check-in's: A short assignment available on TEAMS checking in with students on an individual basis. Will be due Tuesday evening by 11:59pm. Starting next week, there will be an additional assignment that is a listening assignment. This will be posted on TEAMS in which students will need to respond. This assignment will be due on Thursday evening by 11:59pm.
- Tuesday - Work Day: Students can be using this day to complete work for FlipGrids, practicing fundamentals, etc. This is the day that Mr. Brubaker and Ms. Bock will go through each video to provide individual feedback.
- Wednesday - FlipGrids: New FlipGrid assignments will be posted every Wednesday on TEAMS and will be due Monday of the next week. This allows Mr. Brubaker and Ms. Bock to be able to provide feedback to responses.
- Thursday - Leadership: New leadership assignments/units will be shared with the 2020-2021 Leadership Team on the Leadership Team TEAMS page (say that 5x fast). These assignments include the online Leadership University as well as a FlipGrid assignment.
- Friday - Work Day: Students can be using this time to work on/submit the new FlipGrid assignment, practice fundamentals, etc.

Mr. Brubaker and Ms. Bock will be available via email each day during normal school hours. We will respond as promptly as possible to emails as we receive them.

### **Senior Booster Scholarships**

For those that may be wondering, we will still follow through with senior scholarships from our boosters. The original deadline was April 1. We are working with the scholarship committee on how to submit on a potential extending of the due date. A separate email will be sent regarding scholarships later this week.

### **Cancellations**

As we look at the near and not to distant future events, we have to make some tough calls. While we are sad to lost these events, we are also looking for ways to still honor our students' hard work and especially our seniors. We do not have the answers yet but we are trying. We ask for your patience and understanding as we understand that this is not something a lot of us wanted.

- Guard - HWAA has cancelled the remainder of the season. There will be no more competitions in the circuit.
- Everyone - Burke Instrumental Boosters Spring Boutique. This was to be held on Saturday, March 28 and will no longer happen.
- Musical - The 2019-2020 Musical Production "The Drowsy Chaperone" has been cancelled.
- Guard - WGI has cancelled World Championships in Dayton.
- Jazz Band - NSBA State Jazz Festival on Saturday, April 18 has been cancelled
- String Orchestra (Block 2) - West Area Instrumental Music Concert on Monday, May 11 has been cancelled.
- UNO Jazz Camp has been cancelled.

We anticipate that there may be more things to be cancelled to come. We will communicate those as soon as we are notified.

### **Twitter**

We wanted to share that we will be utilizing our Twitter account to provide a respite for the stresses of life. We will be sharing pieces/albums/shows of the day and other various playlists as we go through each day. You do not need to have an account on Twitter to see what we post. Just visit our page here: <https://twitter.com/BurkeMarching>

Students who have an account are encouraged to share assignment/course related materials (that are school appropriate) with us. Again, the point of this is to bring some much needed levity.

### **QotW**

"Courage is the most important of all the virtues, because without courage you can't practice any other virtue consistently. You can practice any virtue erratically, but nothing consistently without courage." - Maya Angelou

Thank you all and we hope we are able to see you soon!