



March 17, 2020

Dear UPCS 6-12 Families:

As you know by now UPCS 6-12, along with all schools in PA, will be closed through March 27. However, the business of educating your child does not stop. In this extraordinary time, we all will have to put forth extraordinary effort to ensure your child's success.

Meals - We have sent out a survey asking you about what your needs are during this time. Once data is compiled, we will assess how or if we can successfully provide food service for your child. Pittsburgh Public Schools is providing "Grab and Go" meals at all schools for any student. You can go to your closest school building if you need lunch.

Computers - UPCS 6-12 has provided a computer for your child to access their school work. It is important to take care of this equipment. When students damage school-issued equipment due to negligence or misuse, the family will be responsible for necessary repairs.

Connectivity - Comcast is offering free service for the next two months. See directions here: <https://corporate.comcast.com/press/releases/internet-essentials-low-income-broadband-corona-virus-pandemic> . Also your cell phone can connect to the Chromebook. See directions here: <https://www.pcmag.com/how-to/how-to-turn-your-phone-into-a-wi-fi-hotspot>. If connectivity is an issue you must immediately notify the school. We will work to help you find a solution.

Instruction - The Governor's order has put a stop to instruction at least until March 30. Please stay in touch with UPCS 6-12 and check the website www.upcs.net for the latest updates.

This is a perfect time for students to complete make-up work and bring their Quarter 3 grades up as high as possible. Teachers will ensure that all make-up work is available on the Google Classroom for students to complete and submit for grading.

So much remains unknown as the pandemic sweeps across our region. Please follow all guidelines to keep your families safe and healthy during this crisis. We all need to be flexible, understanding, and patient during this fluid situation.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kathleen Garland
CEO / Principal