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Dear Tepeyac Families:

We are writing to you to give you an update on where we are in this COVID pandemic. We continue to sincerely hope that you and your family are safe and well. For our staff, there is no higher priority than the health and wellness of our Tepeyac family. As we navigate the quickly changing issue of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, we are heartened to see our families, teachers, staff and community come together—quickly and creatively—to ensure that our students have what they need to continue learning. I wanted to share the wonderful ways our Tepeyac family have come together:

As many of you may have heard, Governor Pritzker has called an end to in-person classes for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. We WILL continue conducting e-learning through June 5, 2020. In addition, please note that we will NOT be giving final exams...2nd semester grades will be calculated based on 3rd and 4th quarter grades.

We will be updating everyone soon on things like cleaning out lockers, Junior Ring Mass, Graduation, and various other logistical issues.

Food Distribution

We are excited to be distributing hot lunches weekly on Wednesdays, while also supporting a local family restaurant! This is made possible thanks to the **Big Shoulders Fund**. Pick-up is right at the high school (main entrance - blue doors). We will hand your meal-to-go at the door from 11am-1pm.

We will also continue distributing food on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the Grade School from 11am-1pm.

E-Learning & College Readiness

Teachers continue to conduct classes through Google Classroom, as well as face-to-face using ZOOM and Google Hangouts. Our gym teacher continues to send students workouts they can do alone or with their families! Teachers are in contact with students via email, ZOOM, Google Classroom and Plus Portal. Seniors have been meeting with Mrs. Dumas-Gray, our College Readiness Director, in terms of planning and making decisions as to their Fall college plans. Advisors have also been checking on their advisees to oversee that our students are updated and progressing with homework assigned to them.

Schedule of Classes

These days/times are for assigning work and allowing time for students to reach out to get assistance on those assignments.

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays	Tuesdays/Thursdays
Math Classes @ 10-10:45am	Religion Classes @ 10-10:45

(Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, PreC, and Algebra III)	(Religion I, Religion II, Religion III Religion IV, and SSP)
English Classes @ 11-11:45am (English I, English II, English III, English IV)	Spanish Classes @ 11-11:45 (Spanish I, Spanish II, and AP)
Science Classes @ 1-1:45pm (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy)	Gym/Health @ 1-1:45
History Classes @ 2-2:45 (World History, US, History, MAH, PS)	Electives @ 2-2:45 (Publications, Art, STEM, Theater, and FS)

Office Hours

In addition to class sessions listed above, teachers are also available to help students during the office hours listed below.

Teacher	Office Hours
Ms. Cesario	Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 1:45pm-4pm
Mrs. Dumas-Gray	Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 8-10am & 3-4pm
Ms. Ingram	Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 3-4pm
Ms. Juarez	Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 8-9am
Ms. Kaluzny	Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 3-4pm
Ms. Kelsey	Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm
Ms. Motley	Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 9-11am
Ms. Ochoa	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-Noon
Ms. Reed	Tuesday, and Thursdays 2:45pm-3:15pm
Ms. Rill	Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 2-4pm & Tuesday & Thursdays 10am-Noon
Ms. Rodriguez	Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays 2-3pm
Ms. Stephens	Tuesdays & Thursdays 9-10am
Ms. Thomassen	Tuesdays & Thursdays 3-4pm
Ms. Urrutia	Mondays & Fridays 1-1:45pm
Dr. Gonzalez (for counseling purposes) cgonzalez@ourladyoftepeyac.org	Mondays & Wednesdays 11am-Noon

Attendance

Attendance is taken in three ways:

- Google Form sent daily by Mrs. Dumas-Gray
- Check in with teacher/advisor during assigned/scheduled time
- Work is submitted

Counseling

If students are having difficulties dealing with staying at home, COVID-19 issues, family, friends, loneliness, etc. please know they can reach out to the school and we can connect them with counselors.

ACT, SAT and AP Testing

As of now, the ACT, SAT and other standardized testing for this school year has been cancelled.

AP testing **WILL** take place in May...

- Wednesday, May 13th @ 1pm: AP English Language and Composition
- Thursday, May 14th @ 11am: AP Spanish Language and Culture

AP tests will be given online and students will be contacted directly by AP/College Board with all the details— Juniors and Seniors in AP Spanish and AP English should be on the lookout for those emails.

Annual Creemos Scholarship Benefit

Creemos, We Believe, is Tepeyac's annual fundraiser for scholarship dollars to help our families. This year, the event is Virtual. Next Friday, April 24th, beginning at 7PM, on our school's web page the choir will perform, grads will join in to share the best of their OLT days, and our student speaker Ebany will be featured. A huge shout out to our grads and colleagues, Lily, Esmeralda, Diana, and Jackie Diaz, class of 2014, who have led the efforts to launch our virtual Creemos; Tepeyac grads using their gifts and talents to help others!

Virtual Faculty Meetings

We continue to use ZOOM to have weekly virtual faculty meetings so we can better serve our students and give each other the support needed during this difficult time.

Contact Us

Should you need to speak to someone from the school about tuition or other issues, please feel free to call either Rosa Navarrete at 773-225-0111, or Isabel Del Real at 773-610-5603. Isabel will also be at the high school every Wednesday from 10 am - 4:00 pm.

Our needs in the coming weeks and months are uncertain, but we know that we can get through this time together and with the loving support of God and our patroness, Our Lady of Guadalupe. You are all in our continued prayers and we hope that we are in yours.

Please continue to look to School Messenger, your emails, the OLT website (www.ourladyoftepeyac.org) and the Our Lady of Tepeyac High School Facebook page for updates.

Be Blessed in this Difficult Time,

Mrs. Joni Thompson
President

Ms. Kathleen Ingram
Principal

Ms. Maria Ochoa
Assistant Principal