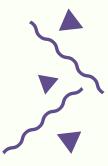
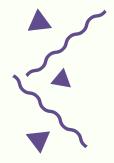
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THE LATEST ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS



Hello Big Sandy Community

I hope this update finds you and your family well. I know that you have been receiving many updates through the news and our superintendent. In one of the most recent updates we were informed that we would not be having any in person learning for the remainder of the school year. Please don't take this news that school is cancelled for the remainder of the school year. The Big Sandy teachers are still working diligently to create online content for students, and paper packets for students with limited or no internet. We are willing to work with you on which mode will work best for your child, please communicate with your teachers if you are struggling or need a change.

You will find three logos that were designed by three Simla students for our We Are Simla Instagram page--I loved them and wanted to share their talent with all of you!



Logo1 desigend by Breanna Bowker

Grading

The Simla Junior High and High School will be following the same grading guidelines for all classes.

Grading of these assignments will be like normal. Teachers are going to be grading assignments that are turned in and will be entering the grades into Infinite Campus. If your child fails to turn in an assignment it may be entered as a zero or marked as missing. That does not mean that your child cannot turn in the assignment, it is to make you and your child aware of what is missing and how that zero will change their overall grade. Students will be allowed to turn in any and all assignments until the end of the quarter, but the grade will be marked as a zero until that assignment is turned in. As a staff, we want you to know what your children have turned in and what they haven't. So, if you see some zero's marked in the grade book this is a step to make you aware that they haven't turned that assignment in. We would appreciate any help in encouraging your child to do so.



Logo 2 designed by Ryann Eurich



As an incentive for students to turn in their work in a timely manner, and communicate with the teachers we have established an end date for classes May 15-18 (depending on each classes' google classroom due date) for all students who have completed ALL of their classwork. What that means is if you are completing your assignments on time and getting your work turned in you will be done with your classes between May 15-18. If you have not completed your work by this date, you will be notified by your teacher what assignments still need to be completed and you will have until May 29 to complete all assignments. There will be no new work assigned from May 18 - May 29, this will be a time to get all missing assignments in. Any work, without prior arrangement from your teacher, turned in after May 29 will result in a zero in the grade book.

CUBS Crew Community Cares Project

Giving Back to Our Big Sandy Community

The junior high CUBS Crew has worked this year to become servant leaders for our school and community. They have learned the true joy that comes from being able to give back to the community that supports them. When school was dismissed in March due to the COVID19 pandemic, they had been planning a huge community service project that consisted of a carnival, food, and a ton of fun. With all the uncertainty that is happening right now, we have decided to cancel that project. During our new format of zoom meetings, the CUBS Crew understands that the needs of our community have changed under current circumstances. They have decided to use the money they have earned and received from donations through grants, along with generous business and personal donations to start a CUBS Crew Community Cares project. We would like to help the community (families, elderly, individuals) who have been negatively impacted by the current situation by giving back to the community that has supported them. They are working with local businesses to develop care packages to deliver to the community. If you are or know a family or community member in need, please nominate them to receive one of our care packages. Please click the following link to fill out your nomination https://forms.gle/wqCSQdcfRGusoYky7 .It is ok to nominate your own family for a care package. These care packages will consist mainly of grocery type items, but also may include other necessities that the family or individual may need. Our goal is to help as many in our community as we can. The CUBS Crew has been blessed with generous sponsors, and this is their way of giving back to our Big Sandy Community.

We know that this time can be very stressful to your families and especially your children. There are still counseling options available from the school for your children. If you feel your child may need to speak to someone, please contact either myself or Mr. Thieman to arrange a virtual visit.



Logo 3 designed by Serenity Cauthon

Thank you for your patience as we have worked out kinks with online learning and delivering packets with restrictions. After a month Mrs. Tucker and I are learning all the town road names and improving our delivery system. We know everyone is doing their best through this crisis, and we appreciate all of your support. Mrs. Swennes SENIOR PARENTS-in an effort to get senior grades done in time for graduation--all seniors need to have work turned in by MAY 22. If your senior may need more time to get any work turned in please arrange that with the teacher and communicate that also with Mr. Thieman or Mrs. Swennes.

Graduation update—we are working on it. I wish I had more news to give at this point, but we do have some plans in action that we are waiting to hear back approval on. As soon as we know anything I will very happily pass that news on.