

April 6, 2020

Dear Students and Families of Nurse Aide,

I hope this letter finds you well.

Please be reminded that the Susie G Gibson Science and Technology Center is now closed through the end of the current academic year. We miss you very much and look forward to seeing you when the current situation has concluded.

The school building is closed to students and the public. Students should NOT continue work-based learning during the closure period and all field trips, assemblies, club meetings, service projects and other school activities are currently cancelled but may be rescheduled at a later date.

Any work completed during the initial closure period (March 16 - March 27) is for enrichment purposes. This work will not be graded for purposes of high school credit.

Seniors, we are excited for you as you finish high school! However, I will be providing you resources that you need to access to further your understanding of topics for this course. You need to complete the associated assessments of your understanding on a criterion-referenced basis such that I can certify that you completed your coursework. If you have questions about your graduation status, please contact your base high school counselor. If you have questions about what topics you need to study given these circumstances, contact me directly. It is very important that you clearly understand what is necessary for your preparation for future career goals, and I am here to help you. **We will be mailing you a curriculum resource to specifically assist you in your review of skills. You also have received an email about the curriculum resource Evolve.**

We as teachers are working to insure you can access the information necessary for the completion of your course for high school credit. We will not be grading this work, but will be assessing it to determine if you understand it. This is important in order for me to certify that you have completed the course. I understand this is a different process than we are used to and welcome your questions via jennifer.thornhill@bedford.k12.va.us

Please don't forget your National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) / Virginia Nurse Aide Examination. It is very important that if you remain interested in attaining this credential. Please let me know your intentions for testing. Please do this as soon as possible but no later than April 20, 2020, via email jennifer.thornhill@bedford.k12.va.us Please know that you have met the clinical hours required, and you will still receive high school course credit regardless of your decision. It is my hope that you will test as I have the utmost confidence in all of you!

Please note that we must follow the Virginia Board of Nursing (VBON) and the Department of Education regulations. Pearson VUE, a nationally recognized provider of assessment services, is contracted with the VBON to administer, score and report the results of the NNAAP Examination for the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. Pearson VUE has suspended testing at this time. I will keep you informed in regards to testing.

Again, we also understand that you are preparing for a career about which you care deeply and want to provide you with learning resources to be sure you are prepared during the closure period. I will share all resources that become available for you, via email, Google Classroom, and Remind. If you have technical questions about what you may need to do given your personal and professional goals, please contact me via the above mentioned email. Please note, again, that work-based learning opportunities are NOT occurring during the period of school closure.

Keep practicing washing your hands, and teaching others ! We will hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Thornhill, R.N., B.S.N.