

Washington Technology Magnet School

Parent Newsletter May 2020

Message from Principal Bonnicks

Greetings Washington Families,

It is my hope that you and your loved ones are doing well! Please know that our staff is working hard to make sure your child(ren) needs are being met!

Unfortunately but understandable, Governor Walz's announcement that school has been moved to distance learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year and it has many of us feeling mixed emotions and that is totally normal. Our whole year at Washington has been about building positive relationships. It is those positive relationships that will carry us through this difficult time. I feel it is important to remind our families about the student support available for social, emotional needs. Students may have anxiety about all that they are facing. Our seniors are losing the traditional rite of passage ceremonies, students have lost the in person daily social and human interaction which is the fabric of our school community. The health and safety of our community is paramount!

In addition to our teachers, our grade level support team members are available through our virtual check and connect program. Grade level teams are checking in with students via email, schoology, phone, google meets. If you have concerns about your child's academic needs, social needs, mental health, technology access concerns, etc. please, reach out to any member of our administrative team with questions. These professionals can assist in navigating school supports and services as well as any needed community resources during this difficult time.

Thank you for supporting your child and Washington Technology Magnet School. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me at 612-280-1633.

**In Partnership,
Principal Bonnicks**

Announcements from Principal Bonnicks

Graduation Updates

Due to current health guidelines, Saint Paul Public Schools will host virtual graduations for the Class of 2020. Washington's Graduation will be held Wednesday June 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. More information

can be found [here](#). Students in our senior class and their families will continue to receive regular updates from Washington staff through email and Schoology.

Family Involvement and Input Process

As your principal, I highly value input from all stakeholders including students, parents, families, community members, and staff. We will be revising our Family Engagement Plan and Budget, Family/School Compact, and our School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP). We will also be asking for input through meetings, online surveys, and phone surveys. Please watch for upcoming information on this.

School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP)

Saint Paul Public Schools is dedicated to a process of continuous improvement, where students, parents, families, community members, and staff cooperate to reach the school and district visions of high academic achievement for all students. We are in the process of revising our School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP) and would invite parents, students, and community members to join us for a meeting to revise the SCIP on Monday May 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. This meeting will be held virtually, if you are interested in attending please contact our school Curriculum Coordinator, Michelle Leba at 651-744-1469 or by email at michelle.leba@spps.org and she will get you directions on how to join by phone or online.

Locker Clean Out

With the closure of schools for the rest of the school year, we know students may have left belongings at school. St. Paul Public Schools is developing a plan to allow access to Washington in an organized and streamlined manner while keeping everyone safe. Please watch for upcoming information on this.

Grade Level Newsletters

[6th Grade Newsletter!](#)

[7th Grade Newsletter!](#)

[8th Grade Newsletter! \(A\)](#)

[8th Grade Newsletter! \(B\)](#)

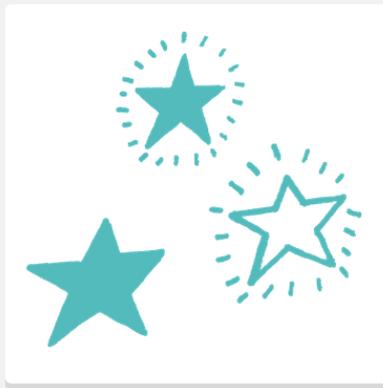
[9th Grade Newsletter! \(A\)](#)

[9th Grade Newsletter! \(B\)](#)

[10th Grade Newsletter!](#)

[11th Grade Newsletter!](#)

[PSEO Checklist](#)



Family Engagement

Do you have ideas or suggestions for Washington? If you would like to become more involved at Washington please contact:

Michelle Leba
Curriculum Coordinator
651-744-1469
michelle.leba@spps.org



School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP) Revision Meeting

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Interpreter and Translation Services

All school documents can be translated or interpreters made available upon request.

For more information contact:

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Counselor's Corner

Washington counselors have been getting students registered for next year's classes. Most students have completed registration which will give us a good start at developing schedules for the next school year. If you would like to look over possible choices for your student for next year, you can see registration information below. Feel free to email your students grade level counselor with questions, comments or input on these choices for your student.

[Counselor Contacts and Registration Information](#)



Washington Calendar

[Purple Gold Day Calendar Link](#)



Meals for Students

[Information](#)



Student Health and Wellness

[Information](#)

From the Media Center

Hello families,

Want to try something new while you're at home?

Every day during SPPS distance learning, the Washington Library Team sends a daily STUFF to TRY newsletter to staff, students and families with IDEAS to TRY each day. Every educational experience listed has been designed to be immediate and can be done with ease on the SPPS iPads. We hope you like it!

You can get the daily STUFF to TRY newsletter in your email box by signing up at the [Washington Tech Library](#). While you're at the library, you can check out a variety of distance learning eBooks, audiobooks and podcasts too. Stay well, everyone!

The Washington Tech Library Team



Contact Us

If you have questions, please call our school and leave a voicemail. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

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