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Mission:

The mission of Skinner North Classical School is to provide **rigorous, differentiated instruction** to all students. With a focus on **teaching the whole child** in an academically advanced environment, we work to establish norms of highly successful and socially motivated individuals in a **community** that promotes collaboration and leadership, while **celebrating the diversity** of the students, families and staff.

**April 15, 2020**

**Principal's Monthly Report to the Local School Council**

**COVID-19 Updates**

- **School Closure** – Governor Pritzker announced that the state-wide mandated school closures will be extended through April 30. We have not heard any updates to this yet.
  - Remote learning officially began on April 13, 2020.
  - Please visit [cps.edu/remotelearning](https://cps.edu/remotelearning) to learn more.
  - Still following school calendar. (Friday is a school improvement day. Wednesday, April 22 is a parent-teacher conference day.)
  
- **Food Distribution Updates** – Beginning Monday, April 13, the district launched a consolidated meal plan under which 276 schools that were most frequented by families will continue to provide free meals, and schools that were less utilized by families no longer serve as distribution sites. For the full list of meal sites open during spring break and under the consolidated site plan beginning April 13, please visit [cps.edu/mealsites](https://cps.edu/mealsites) or call 773-553-KIDS.
  - From CPS - Please fill out the form below to receive meal delivery if you are unable to come to your child's home school to pick up food. Please note that one form submission will result in one delivery and you should only submit one form per day. If you need an additional delivery, please fill out the form two days in advance of needing another delivery.  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeC990hs-MYSyEAIz3Ubt3aZUSHyBARlqr8bAvzt1RTuoUAuw/viewform>

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- Our building will be closed and essential support staff working from home or other CPS locations.

### Remote Learning

- Find more information at <https://cps.edu/Pages/EnrichmentLearningResources.aspx> and our school website <http://www.skinnernorth.org/remote-learning.html>. Our school-wide plan and weekly teacher plans are available on the website.
- **Technology Access** - Please reach out to teacher and/or administration, call in to virtual office hours or complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/P8HSw56bdVnhtwMYA>. We can provide a Chromebook, headphones with speakers or other aids on a case by case basis.
- **Getting Connected to the Internet** - If you need assistance getting connected to the internet in your home, the document included in the end of the update has some great resources.

**Spirit Week** - Student Council has helped plan a "virtual" spring spirit week to help bring a little spring fun to remote learning days! If you would like to share your spirit day outfit/participation, you can upload pictures at the previously shared link or send them directly to [kmagnuson@cps.edu](mailto:kmagnuson@cps.edu). (Please note photos may be shared via our listserv or FoSN Facebook page. By sending/sharing, you agree to this.)

- **Monday (4/13)**- Pajama Day (Wear your pajamas for remote learning.)
- **Tuesday (4/14)**- Crazy Sock/Hair/Mismatched Day (Wear crazy socks, wild hair and/or mismatched clothing for remote learning.)
- **Wednesday (4/15)**-Character Day (Dress up as your favorite character.)
- **Thursday (4/16)**- Reading Day (Show us what book you are currently reading.)
- **Friday (4/17)**- Skinner North Spirit Day (Show us your Skinner North pride by wearing purple and gold or other Skinner North gear.)

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**School Improvement Day (4/17)** - Friday is a school improvement day. The district is obligated to follow the school calendar. A School Improvement Day is scheduled for Friday, students are not engaging in remote learning on this day. We were not certain what this would look like when our weekly schedules went out, so most classes with Friday activities schedules will push these until Monday.

**End of Quarter and Grades** - The end of the quarter is Thursday. Students can still submit work that will improve their grades. In lieu of the scheduled report card pickup days next week, report cards will be mailed to elementary families on April 22. On that day, teachers are expected to hold remote office hours so parents have an opportunity to discuss their child's third quarter grades and progress. Parents are also encouraged to utilize Parent Portal to monitor student progress throughout this period of remote learning. (Please note: We should be getting further guidance from the district around grading for the fourth quarter. We will update you as we receive more information.)

**Virtual Office Hours** - Remember we are here to support you. If you have any questions, we have digital and non digital office hours. We will have a staff member available on Google Meet during the listed hours of the school day starting the week of 4/13. Students (using their CPS email addresses) or parents can join the link or call-in number to ask any questions they have for school staff. We are happy to answer any question, troubleshoot any issues or hear your perspective. If you need to talk outside of these time slots, please email Katie ([kmagnuson@cps.edu](mailto:kmagnuson@cps.edu)) or Derrick ([dkimbrough@cps.edu](mailto:dkimbrough@cps.edu)). We will respond promptly.

**Mondays - 8:30-9:30AM and 12:30-2:30PM**

**Tuesdays - 8:30-10:30AM and 12:30-2:30PM**

**Wednesdays - 8:30-9:30AM and 12:30-2:30PM**

**Thursdays - 8:30-10:30AM and 12:30-2:30PM**

**Fridays - 8:30-9:30AM and 12:30-2:30PM**

Connect using the following directions:

**Digital Office Hours:** [Join digital office hours through Google Hangouts Meet at: meet.google.com/tcs-pwur-](#)

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[ggh](#), Meeting ID [meet.google.com/tcs-pwur-ggh](https://meet.google.com/tcs-pwur-ggh), or via Phone at (US)+1 609-429-5796 PIN: 678 085 736#

**Non-Digital Office Hours:** We will have a staff member available by phone during above stated office hours. Call via **phone at (US)+1 609-429-5796 PIN: 678 085 736#**. Students or parents can call this number to ask any questions they have for school staff.

**Technology Needs** - As we continue to do more remote learning, we understand that families may not have the resources necessary to access online content. We want to make sure students have what they need to stay engaged while school is not in session. If your student needs a Chromebook or has other needs that we can assist with, please complete the following form (<https://forms.gle/nEo1DvmNv4gLkmse9>) or reach out to Katie ([kmagnuson@cps.edu](mailto:kmagnuson@cps.edu)) or Derrick ([dkimbrough@cps.edu](mailto:dkimbrough@cps.edu)) directly. We will have Chromebook pick up this Friday (4/17) from 9-10. Please let us know in advance if you plan to pick up a device.

### Communication

- Emails/robocalls
- School wide website <http://www.skinnernorth.org/remote-learning.html>
- Virtual Office Hours
- Parent Survey to be sent Thursday or Friday. This will help us understand how remote learning is doing and how families are doing.
- Working with Derrick on admin live stream or other meeting type with grade levels
- Student contract tracker - Ensuring there is at least one contact per week with students. This could include be academic contact, chat, email, none, other, parent phone.
- Student engagement tracker – As a school we are monitoring who is participating in learning to help direct/target support to students and families.
- Weekly grade level meetings with teachers.

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**LSC Elections, CIWP, Budget**

- Still no updates on testing for academic center and high school selection (i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade spring NWEA). We will keep you posted as we get updates from the district.
- Adjusted Continuous Improvement Work Plan timeline:
  - ILT will be meeting Friday to work on Theories of Action
  - CIWP meeting being schedule for next week.

Original		2020-2022 CIWP Components	Adjusted	
Due Dates	Completion Window Length		Due Dates	Completion Window Length
2/1/20	4 weeks	Select CIWP Team, Rate each SEF category	2/1/20	4 weeks
2/21/20	3 weeks	Identify areas of critical need, set up to 10 goals	2/21/20	3 weeks
3/20/20	4 weeks	Conduct root cause analysis for each area of critical need, select an SEF priority	4/3/20	6 weeks
4/3/20	2 weeks	ToAs, tag CO departments, outline any resources needed	4/17/20	2 weeks (including calendared Spring Break)
5/1/20	4 weeks (including calendared Spring Break)	Develop action step(s) for each ToA	5/8/20	3 weeks
5/8/20	1 week	Fund Compliance, Parent & Family Plan	5/15/20	1 week
6/5/20	4 weeks	CIWP approval (in preparation for June 24th BOE Meeting)	6/5/20	3 weeks

- Budget timeline should be similar to last year.
- LSC Elections: No update at this time to the rescheduling of elections.

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**Thank you to our students, families and staff!** This is an unprecedented situation and everyone has shown such flexibility and responsiveness.

Students – They are adjusting to a new normal. They have had disappointments in missed trips or peer connections. However, they are demonstrating flexibility and continued joy for learning.

Families – Our families have been thought partners, problem solvers and helpers. Teachers are usually able to provide the direct instruction to students. In this time, where direct, in person connection is not possible, we so appreciate your help in connecting students to their learning/teachers.

Teachers & Staff - Our training and experience is in directly instructing students at school. This new situation pushes us into new territories. Our teachers have been challenging themselves with this new opportunity to try out new things and find new ways to support our kids. They are definitely showing our kids and community what having a growth mindset looks like.

## Getting Connected to the Internet

*This guide describes how families can get access to the Internet at home. These options are provided by external companies and are not affiliated with Chicago Public Schools.*

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### OPTION A: CHOOSE AN INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER

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An Internet service provider (ISP) is a company that provides customers with Internet access. Data may be transmitted using several technologies, including dial-up, DSL, cable modem, wireless or dedicated high-speed internet.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>[Source: Techopedia - <https://www.techopedia.com/definition/2510/internet-service-provider-isp> ]

## Comcast

### Internet Options

Comcast offers many different Internet packages at different price points. To see all the plan options, go to [xfinity.com/learn/internet-service](http://xfinity.com/learn/internet-service)

### Internet Essentials

Two free months of Internet

Comcast is offering new Internet Essentials customers two free months of Internet service.

Apply now at [www.internetessentials.com](http://www.internetessentials.com)

If you are not a Comcast customer and have questions about applying for Internet Essentials, please call 1-855-8-INTERNET ( **1-855-846-8376** ).

### Xfinity Free WiFi

Free WiFi for everyone

Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country will be available to anyone who needs them for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. Once at a hotspot, consumers should select the “xfinitywifi” network name in the list of available hotspots and then launch a browser.

Find a hotspot near you at [wifi.xfinity.com](http://wifi.xfinity.com)

## AT&T

### Unlimited AT&T Home Internet

Two free months of Internet

All AT&T consumer home internet wireline customers, as well as Fixed Wireless Internet, can use unlimited internet data. Additionally, we will continue to offer internet access for qualifying limited income households at \$10 per month through our **Access from AT&T** program. To apply, go to [www.att.com/access](http://www.att.com/access) Phone Number: **866-861-6075**

### More mobile hotspot data

AT&T is automatically increasing mobile hotspot data by 15GB a month for each line on an unlimited plan that currently includes a monthly tethering allotment. That means if you're on AT&T Unlimited Elite you'll automatically get 45GB a month of tethering per line.

## Verizon

### Additional Mobile Hotspot data for customers

Verizon is automatically adding 15 GB of data across nearly all of our plans, to be used between 03/25/2020 and 04/30/2020. See more information at [www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com)

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## Sprint

### Unlimited Everything Plan!

Unlimited Kickstart 35 dollars per month.

Choose Kickstart and get unlimited talk, text & data for \$35/month.

Go to [Sprint.com](http://Sprint.com) and click on Plans, then Unlimited Plans to see details

Call **866-275-1411** to order by phone.

## T-Mobile

### T-MOBILE CONNECT AVAILABLE NOW

Helping keep all Americans connected when it matters most.

Introducing our lowest-priced plans ever, starting at only \$15/month.

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## OPTION B: USE A MOBILE PHONE TO CONNECT

### Set up your cellular phone as an Internet 'Personal Hotspot'

You can use your phone's mobile data to connect another phone, tablet, or computer to the internet. Sharing a connection this way is called tethering or using a hotspot. Some mobile phones can share Wi-Fi connections by tethering.<sup>2</sup>

- When you use Personal Hotspot, your phone can share data with other devices, transmitting and receiving data for these devices. If you have the available data on your cellular plan, it's another option to connect devices to the Internet.<sup>3</sup>
- Many Apple and Android mobile phones can be set up to share the Internet.
- **Important:** Some mobile carriers limit or charge extra for tethering. We recommend checking with your mobile phone carrier.

## Apple iPhone

### How to set up a Personal Hotspot on your iPhone or iPad

A Personal Hotspot lets you share the cellular data connection of your iPhone or iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular) when you don't have access to a Wi-Fi network.

For step by step instructions from Apple, go to <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204023>

### Use Instant Hotspot to connect to your Personal Hotspot without entering a password

With Instant Hotspot, the Personal Hotspot on your iPhone or iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular) can provide Internet access to a Mac, iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch without requiring you to enter the password.

For instructions from Apple, go to <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT209459>

<sup>2</sup>[Source: Google - <https://support.google.com/android/answer/9059108?hl=en> ]

<sup>3</sup>[Source: Lifewire - <https://www.lifewire.com/set-up-personal-hotspot-on-iphone-2000120> ]

## Android Phone

### Share a mobile connection by tethering or hotspot on Android

You can use your phone's mobile data to connect another phone, tablet, or computer to the internet. Sharing a connection this way is called tethering or using a hotspot. Some phones can

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share Wi-Fi connections by tethering. Most Android phones can share mobile data by Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, or USB. For instructions from Google, go to [support.google.com/android/answer/9059108](https://support.google.com/android/answer/9059108)

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