

# Westfield Academy and Central School

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Dear WACS Families,

These past few weeks have certainly presented us with challenges and opportunities for reflection. We are reaching out to you as a check-in and to offer help as our School Community continues through these challenging times.

Our teachers will continue to use various platforms such as Zoom, Schoology, Remind, phone calls and emails in order to connect with each of their students. Our counseling staff continues to reach out to students as well. Additionally, we will continue to deliver and pick up educational materials for classroom environments not utilizing technology.

Teachers and counselors will touch base with students through phone calls, emails, and Zoom meetings. We understand that consistency during this time is ever so important in the education of our children. Also, we understand that additional and unneeded stress may be experienced by children due to the health crisis. Please feel free to reach out to us any time. We are here to assist you in any way possible.

Education certainly looks different and we are consistently evaluating our levels of academic and student support to ensure we are providing the best possible learning environment for our students. We are sensitive to the fact that families are being asked to balance the personal and academic needs of their children. We are grateful for all of our parents/guardians and what you are doing to support the education of our children. We understand this balance can be difficult at times. It is important for us to maintain regular communication with our students and families so we can best adjust our practices to ensure all students receive what they need.

We would like to reassure you and our students that there is no need to feel added stress about academics. We want to reassure every student that we are here to help. Students are asked to do their best work. When we return to the hallways of WACS, we will be prepared to offer our students support in all areas.

Following this letter, you will find a document outlining our next steps related to helping our students achieve course credit and how we plan to handle grading.

Please contact us with any questions that may arise. We will continue to use our Facebook page,

webpage and parent broadcast system as our main modes of communications.

We wish our Westfield families safety and health during this pandemic. We are very proud of our students and are eagerly awaiting their return when we can welcome them back with open arms.

Sincerely,

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