



ARBOR PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Arbor Park Middle School Parents,

The Arbor Park Middle School family hopes that you and your families are healthy and safe. Please know that we truly miss your children's faces, laughter, energy, and personalities every day as we log on to our state-of-the-art devices to engage, connect, and educate our students.

As we all know, last Friday Governor Pritzker announced that schools will be closed for the remainder of the year. Proudly, Dr. Sala has conveyed to everyone that, "Safety is the absolute number one concern we have for our entire educational community". Following Governor Pritzker's conference, we began modifying our plans for the end of the school year to address educational and safety questions.

The following information will address the questions you may have at this time:

➤ **When and how will students pick up all their personal belongings?**

The return of school related items has not been deemed essential at this time. Therefore, the return of school related items will be determined on or after June 1st. Only the return of medications related to students has been deemed essential at this time. Please contact email ndrogosz@arbor145.org.

➤ **What will happen to the remaining funds in our parents' lunch/activity accounts?**

Families will be refunded by check from APMS for any amounts that have been previously received related to either graduation and/or any spring activity fees. Lunch accounts will be reviewed by the District in May and any remaining positive lunch balances for 5th through 7th grade students will be rolled to the 2020-2021 school year, unless the parent reaches out to Joyce Cryan @ jcryan@arbor145.org. As for 8th graders, any remaining positive lunch balances will be applied against outstanding fees that are listed in PushCoin. If no fees are due and a 8th grade student has a positive lunch balance in PushCoin, families can move the remaining balance to another Arbor Park student in the household. If the family does not have any other students who will be attending an Arbor Park school in 2020-2021, a refund will be processed in June 2020.

➤ **What are the plans for 8th graders who are graduating?**

The date for the Class of 2020 APMS graduation will remain Wednesday, May 27th, 2020. We are committed to providing the Class of 2020 a digital graduation experience that is permitted by state guidelines. This will be broadcast on our APMS YouTube channel, the same as last year. More information will be sent out shortly to 8th grade families in a separate communication.

➤ **What about graduation fees?**

The Arbor Park District 145 Board of Education has graciously agreed to cover the cost of all APMS Class of 2020 graduate's graduation fees. Graduation Fees will be returned to all families that have previously paid.

➤ **How will students get their yearbooks?**

Students who purchased a yearbook will receive it with the rest of the student's belongings at a date to be decided after June 1st.

- **Due to the Pandemic what will happen to 3rd trimester grades? Will there be any final grades?**
Grading for the 3rd trimester will be done by documenting completion of work given by the student's teachers. 3rd trimester information will be used for future educational planning for the 2020-2021 school year for all students. There will be a pass or incomplete designation given to all students. Students that receive an incomplete will be responsible for completing work at a later time. All students are strongly encouraged to complete all work provided by their teachers to prepare them for the following school year, especially 8th students going into high school.
- **Is there information available for assistance for students and families during this difficult time?**
Please see the link below that pertains with helping students, families, and staff that may need assistance with food or paying their bills. There are also new programs specifically to address the pandemic. <https://findhelp.org/>

Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through these unprecedented times. We hope that you and your families are safe and healthy. Once again, thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,

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