



Friday, March 20, 2020

Dear Panther Family,

We hope this letter finds you well. During this time, we want you to know that teachers and administrators have been working, keeping student well-being and learning as the focus of our efforts. We know there are so many uncertainties and questions surrounding what the rest of our school year holds, but we are dedicated to providing Lufkin High School students with the resources and support to finish the school year strong.

First, we want to be sure you are all set-up to receive our ongoing communications. On Facebook, follow Lufkin ISD for district news and updates, and @media\_lhs on Twitter for high school happenings. Also, if you haven't signed up to receive Remind text messages, text the appropriate code from below to 81010:

- Class of 2020: @lufkin2020
- Class of 2021: @lufkin2021
- Class of 2022: @lufkin2022
- Class of 2023: @lhs23

You may also check the Lufkin ISD website (<http://www.lufkinisd.org/>) and the LHS homepage for news, by visiting <http://sites.lufkinisd.org/lhs/>. The school website will serve as your connection to our new **LufkinLearns@Home** distance learning portal. We are excited about the opportunity to connect with our students in a new, and innovative way during this time. The site will offer students access to resources, activities, lessons, teacher support and continued learning. As students are faced with the chance to take true ownership of their learning, we have created LufkinLearns@Home to facilitate that and to provide the method to ensure credits are gained, graduation requirements are met, and enrichment activities are in place in order to guarantee students are ready to return to our classrooms, when the time comes. Students should plan to visit this new site weekly, to stay up-to-date with instruction and coursework. Teachers will be in communication with students, offering virtual office hours to support learning and to assist with tech support. Counselors, special education, 504 and dyslexia service contacts will also be available through this site. If technology is limited, or students do not have access to the internet, paper copies will be available. For printed copies of work, pick these up on Monday from 9-3 at LHS.

Additionally, as we work through this together, we want to provide you with key information:

- For now (at least through April 3<sup>rd</sup>), all school events are postponed, including tryouts, interviews, banquets, shows, athletics, etc. Students are not allowed to visit the campus, including practice fields and athletic facilities.
- Scholarship information is ongoing and Mrs. Murphy is available for help at [gmurphy@lufkinisd.org](mailto:gmurphy@lufkinisd.org) and Mrs. McDaniel at [amcdaniel@lufkinisd.org](mailto:amcdaniel@lufkinisd.org)
- Semester long Dual Credit courses are still in session. We have been in contact with Angelina College, and your teachers will be in touch with you soon.

Be safe. Take care. Follow the CDC's guidelines. Practice social distancing. Together, we will get through this. We are here for our Panther family.

Panther Proud,  
Brandon Boyd, Lufkin High School Principal