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Dear Parents/Guardians:

### **Virtual Learning Days**

IHGS is dedicated to the continuity of instruction, especially when emergent conditions require alternate plans. We believe that learning can take place anytime and anywhere. Virtual Learning Days will allow our academic schedule to continue uninterrupted, which is vital to both short-term and long-term learning and success. These days will also enable us to take advantage of our investment in technology and will help students develop skills in independence and time management.

Virtual Learning Days are designed to reduce the impact and disruption to the school calendar and programs in the event of a pandemic emergency. The goal of this document is to provide information regarding the implementation of an alternative instructional process. This platform is flexible yet meets the standards for structured learning time.

### **General Overview for Virtual Learning Days**

- ❑ On Virtual Learning Days, students will be expected to logon to either their Google Classrooms and the Teachers' website to access grade level work that has been developed to support the appropriate grade level standards and curriculum. Please be aware your child (ren) may have to logon to more than one Google Classroom for their work each day. Our Specials Teachers (Music, PE, Art, World Language, Health and Guidance) have created their own Google Classrooms as well. For those students in Kindergarten and First Grade, work packets have been sent home and the students (parents) should be checking their Teachers' web page for any assignments. A chromebook will be provided for those students in need. Please contact your child's Teacher or Mrs. Smutz via email for a chromebook.
- ❑ The work assigned will outline daily expectations that serve as an extension to previous learning to bridge to new learning.

- ❑ A Virtual Learning Day is a day that students and teachers stay home but it is a school day.
- ❑ All teaching and learning experiences for each subject will align with the NJ Student Learning Standards.

### **General Procedures for Virtual Learning Days**

- ❑ Staff will be available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 pm. Please remember we are still following our School Calendar.
- ❑ Information on assignments and resources will be readily accessible on a daily basis.
- ❑ Teachers will be available via email or Google Classroom to answer questions and support students with their work.
- ❑ Students may be asked to complete a variety of learning tasks that include, but are not limited to:
  - ❑ Reading/Writing assignments (either digital or paper-based)
  - ❑ Practice Problems
  - ❑ Research Assignments
  - ❑ Video assignments with accompanying assessments
  - ❑ Youtube, Zoom or video based tasks
- ❑ Teachers will provide detailed instructions about the assignments that will include the following information:
  - ❑ Purpose/objective of the assignments
  - ❑ Description of the tasks, including the directions/resources required to complete the assignments
  - ❑ Assignment submissions (in-person when students return, online etc.)
  - ❑ Due dates of the assignments

Please contact the appropriate school staff for available assistance Monday-Friday (9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m) through email. All emails are located on our website at [www.islandheights.k12.nj.us](http://www.islandheights.k12.nj.us)