



Gary Community School Corporation

Doing What is Best for Students - Today - Tomorrow - Everyday

May 7, 2020

Dear Gary Community School Corporation Families,

We want you to know that we are here to support you during these unprecedented times and appreciate your patience as we move through uncharted waters. As always, and especially as we shelter in place, it is critical that we attend to the social, emotional, and physical needs of our children. We wanted to make you aware of the following resources designed to help address the challenges we may be facing during this time:

Parent Resources for Talking to Children about COVID-19

- [PBS - How to Talk to Your Kids About Coronavirus](#)
- [CDC - Talking to young children about coronavirus](#)
- [NASP](#) Talking to Children about COVID
- [Fred Rogers Center - Talking to Young Children about the Coronavirus](#)

Social Emotional Learning Resources

- Parent University Videos from Dr. Lori Desautels
 - Video #1: Taking Care of Our Brains
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kS0sA_MOpEM&t=5s
 - Video #2: Our Brains, Emotions and a Scavenger Hunt
<https://youtu.be/MBxxULfUz3o>
 - Video #3: Focused Attention Practices
<https://youtu.be/IS37S9Yi0KI>
 - Video #4: How are you feeling and sensing your body?
<https://youtu.be/r2T8kFWfkvA>
 - Video #5: Our Brain and Body Work Together
<https://youtu.be/5RUcUvCxgLg>
- Indiana Social Emotional Learning Competencies PK-12 Lesson Plans can be found at this link:
<https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/sebw/sel-lesson-plans-pk-12-final-attachments.pdf>

Community Resources

- Calumet Township Trustee's Office (219-880-4000)
- Citizen 3-1-1 Responder <https://gary.gov/citizen-3-1-1/>
- Department of Community Development/Housing Assistance (219-881-5075)

Food Resources

Knowing that nutrition is a necessity, the Gary Community School Corporation is dedicated to **all children of Gary** ages 18 and under. We are providing meals every Monday at various locations throughout the district. The meals include 5 days worth of breakfast and lunch including milk. To participate, go to one of the locations listed on our website to pick up meals. Our school buses will arrive at each location starting at 10:00 a.m. and will remain at each stop for 45 minutes. We ask that you bring a bag or a box to help package the food. No documentation is needed.

- Sojourner Truth House (219-885-2282)
- First A.M.E. Church (219-886-7561)
- Brother's Keeper (219-882-4459)
- SS Monica and Luke Church (219-883-1861)
- St. James Baptist Church (219-944-7743)
- Moving in the Spirit Ministries (219-949-7512)
- Living Waters Baptist Church (219-938-1280)
- Human Services Transport Provider, Inc. (219-944-0094)
- Gethsemane Missionary Baptist (219-881-1811)
- Fifth Ave. United Methodist Church (219-882-7920)
- First AME Church Food Pantry (219-886-7561)
- Christ United Methodist Church (219-884-8312)
- Black Oak Baptist Church Food Pantry (219-844-4328)
- Bethel Temple OutReach Food Pantry (219-980-0076)
- Beacon Light Church (219-838-0586)
- All Nations Helping Hands Food Pantry (219-944-2445)
- Al Amin Masjid (219-949-1854)
- W.I.N.G.S. Ministry (219-885-2055)

Academic Support

- GCSC Continuous Learning Plan(eLearning) can be found at the following link:
<https://www.garycsc.k12.in.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Copy-of-Final-Continuous-Learning-Plan.pdf>
- [Ask Rose Homework Help](#)
- [Khan Academy](#)
- ASU [Free Online Tutoring](#)

Testing Preparation (ASVAB)

- [Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery \(ASVAB\) - March2Success](#)
- [Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery \(ASVAB\) - Tutoring](#)

Crisis Support Services

- Text Crisis Hotline (text HELLO to 741741)
- The Trevor Lifeline (866-488-7386)
- Suicide Hotline (800-273-8255)
- Edgewater Behavioral Health Services (219-885-5264)
- Gary Police Department (219-881-7300)
- If you are experiencing an emergency, call 911.

We understand that you may have questions about how to proceed with school affairs while your child learns from home, and we want to reassure you that counselors and social workers will be doing their best to accommodate you in the coming weeks. During this time of extended eLearning, our team will continue with student scheduling, senior outreach, and other student touch points via technology. We will be available by phone and email Monday-Friday during regular school hours, and we will continue to contact parents immediately with any concerns. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to reach out to us using the contact information below.

We are committed to supporting you during this time. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we may do so.

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