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Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Dear Parent,

As Americans and human beings on the face of this Earth, we are currently experiencing an invisible attack on our society and way of life unprecedented in our own lives. The Coronavirus has upended our normal daily lives and routine, and now we have to begin to follow a new set of norms in order to continue on with our lives, as well as your child's/children's learning.

Starting on Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, I will be meeting with your son or daughter from 9:00 – 10:00AM on a daily basis (unless I am told otherwise) using Google Meet. I will be sending them a link in Google Classroom from which they can join the meeting. A note will be sent out in Remind beforehand to alert them of the meeting. If they are unable to attend the live meeting, they will be able to view the recorded video later on when they have the time. In addition, I will be giving your child an assignment to answer a questionnaire regarding their ability to connect with me electronically. I'm trying to go paperless, but if I have to, I will print material as necessary.

For the time being, I have asked your son or daughter to view a few videos on Electric Fields that I will be discussing the content of on Friday. In the future, I may include a few concept based questions that are attached to each video in order to encourage them to view them. I anticipate that most of my videos should be anywhere between five and fifteen minutes long.

Homework will be somewhat different than before. Although we will still be using WebAssign, I cannot readily use worksheets the way I have in the past. Thus far, I have been able to import some of my pdf documents right into a Google Form which seems to work reasonably well. Tests and quizzes will also have to be different. I currently anticipate that I will be using WebAssign, though I may be using Google Forms as well. A key part of physics is problem solving and showing the appropriate work. Submission and grading of free-response type questions needs to be further defined. In addition, I will be setting up some virtual labs in the near future. As far as how your child/children will be evaluated, we (teachers) are still waiting on some details as to how we will be doing it. Nevertheless, I feel that it is important to continue the learning process in anticipation that there will be a Regents or AP test at the end of the year.

In closing, I want you to know that I am trying to figure out this whole new system of learning. We are truly in this all together. It is one thing to take an online course, it's a whole other thing to design and implement it. Please be patient as we move forward in these difficult times. Be well and please practice social distancing

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles A. Ropes, III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small flourish at the end.

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