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## Coronavirus Update #4 (Closing Procedures)

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All,

As stated this morning, BJP will be closed for two weeks and will reopen on **March 30th**.

### Calendar Updates

At the end of next week, administration will meet to reassess the situation and you will be updated beginning the week of March 23rd, if not sooner. As you can appreciate, this is all a very fluid time.

Current changes in the calendar will push 3rd marking period to end April 3rd. Spring break will continue as normal. These changes to the calendar have been reflected online. Activities that were scheduled for the next two weeks will either be cancelled or rescheduled.

### Continuation of Academics

- Students have their homework assigned for this weekend as normal.
- All students have been given a grade appropriate novel and booklet of literacy activities to complete as they read that novel (ie per chapter or per every 30 minutes of reading; whatever routine you set).
- Novels also have comprehension questions. Those are to help at home generate conversation between you and your student.
- Math review packets have been provided. Fifth graders can always log into Freckle.

All weekend work that was assigned as normal will be due March 30th.

It will be determined as to how to incorporate the extra novel and math packet once students bring them back to school after the closure. For now, they are resources for you to use at home but should be completed.

All work can be found here and linked on our Coronavirus Updates webpage. I will be at the school from 8am-noon on Monday, March 16th if any student who is absent today does not have a printer at home to pick up the materials.

If the shutdown is extended, we will communicate then about next steps and changes to the calendar.

### School Food

Once we report to the state that we are shutting down, they may offer students bagged meals. When/if I hear of a pick up location, you will be informed. If NYC public schools close, they will likely move to their summer meal program and meals would be picked up at your local public school.

### Our Thoughts and Prayers

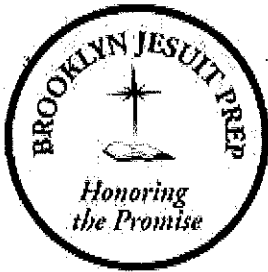
Please join us all in keeping our nation, our city, and our vulnerable loved ones in our prayers. Uncertain times can cause a lot of anxiety. Below are a few resources to help with discussions that may happen at home.

If you have any further questions, please let me know.

### Resources

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- New York State Department of Health
- New York State Education Department
- Coping with Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks
- Just for Kids: A Comic Exploring the New Coronavirus

- Fear of Coronavirus- A Good Time to Talk to Kids About Keeping Fears Realistic and Manageable. Lois M. Collins, Deseret News, Jan. 28, 2020
- How Do You Talk to Children About Coronavirus? Stay Honest and Simple to Avoid Anxiety, Gene Myers NorthJersey.com, USA Today, Feb. 28, 2020
- How to Talk to Your Kids About the Coronavirus (and Ease Their Fears), Vivian Manning-Schaffel, NBC News, Updated March 2, 2020



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