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Dear Parents & Guardians,

It is with regret to inform you that beginning tomorrow, October 29th we will close the 7th and 8th grade wing of the middle school. This is due to an increase in positive covid-19 cases and the number of quarantines associated with those cases throughout these grade levels.

Also, all parent teacher conferences pre-school through 12th grade will be conducted by phone or virtual conference. If you were scheduled for an in-person conference, teachers will contact the primary contact phone number at the originally scheduled date and time. If you previously received a virtual meeting invitation, those will proceed as planned. Please be patient with our teachers as we navigate this.

Regarding 7th and 8th grade students, due to fall break and the circumstances, distance learning will begin on Tuesday, November 3rd. We plan to return to in-school classes on Wednesday, November 11th. Distance learning lessons will be conducted through Google Classroom by their classroom teachers. All students will be bringing home Chromebooks today. For those without internet capabilities, a hot spot will be provided by the district. If your child does not bring home a hot spot and one is needed, you may contact the middle school office at 573-486-3121.

If school meals are needed, please contact the middle school office. We are happy to make arrangements for pick-up as needed.

All extra-curricular school activities for 7th and 8th grade students will also be cancelled during the closure. We ask that parents, students and our community be mindful of the covid-19 guidelines. Those with a positive result and those quarantined, should remain at home for the duration recommended by health officials. Those in this situation should also limit their contact with others. To protect our community and keep the school doors open, we must be vigilant.

This is a difficult time for our students, and they may need extra support from family and friends. If a counselor is needed, please contact Dawn Grosse at dgrosse@hermann.k12.mo.us or 573-486-2116 ext:1315.

Thank you for your patience, consideration and understanding of our staff and school district during this challenging time. Please stay healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

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