



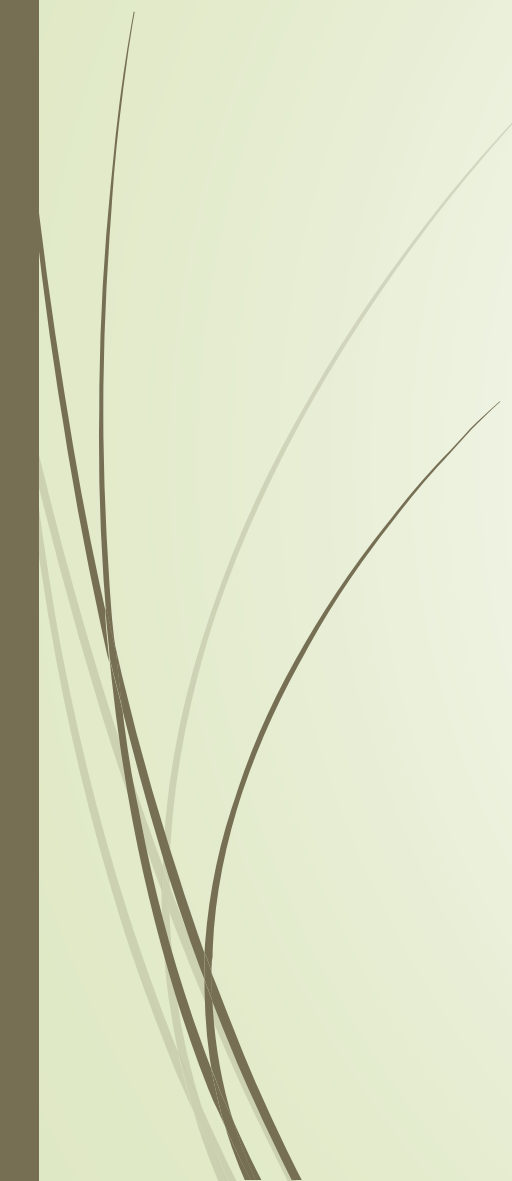
So your school is getting cancelled

An Engineering Story from COVID-19 Productions
And directed by the CDC

Starring Mars Berwanger and the 2020 Spring
Engineering class



Questions?

- What is the schools' plan?
 - What will this class's plan?
 - What will grades look like?
 - How should I prepare for this uncertainty?
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What is the schools plan?

- ▶ School is being closed indefinitely starting Monday, March 16th
 - ▶ 2 weeks?
 - ▶ To Spring Break?
 - ▶ Semester?
- ▶ Will begin virtual/online classes starting Monday March 16th
- ▶ Students are expected to have access to the internet
- ▶ There is a staff meeting after school today. I'll give updates on my blog for any new information



What is this class's plan?

- ▶ What this class will not be:
 - ▶ Busy work
 - ▶ You being expected to buy materials or have access to certain tools
- ▶ What I want to this experience to be:
 - ▶ An opportunity for students to practice self-managing their learning
 - ▶ An opportunity for students to individualize their learning to a greater degree to align with their own interests
 - ▶ Students to come out with some meaningful learning experience
- ▶ How to stay in the loop:
 - ▶ Check my blog every school day
 - ▶ Check Slack every school day



How this will be done:

- ▶ Continue writing SMART Goals in slack every Monday and responses every Friday
- ▶ Project work may need to shift to
 - ▶ A pre-planned set of lessons to learn (such as learning a coding language, SolidWorks, or something similar. Specifics to come Monday)
 - ▶ Researching a specific topic (EX: careers in Engineering, a specific major, science behind solar panels, electronics topics, etc.)
 - ▶ A project you want to work on and can do so at home (EX: making a basketball hoop on your bedroom door)
 - ▶ ANYTHING you want which we can argue is relevant to Engineering)
- ▶ Do not need to submit a new learning plan, but your learning reflection (which will be due March 27th) needs to reflect what you've done



What will Grades look like?

- ▶ Submitting a SMART Goal in Slack every Monday (Formative weighted 50 pts)
- ▶ Submitting a SMART Goal Response™ in Slack every Friday (Formative weighted 50pts)
- ▶ Submitting a learning reflection by 3/27 (Summative weighted 50 pts)
- ▶ Portfolio submissions by April 2nd

- ▶ REPEAT!!!

How should I prepare for all of this uncertainty?

- Especially for the teenage brain, one of the scariest parts about events like this is the loss of structure and the uncertainty of what will happen. With that in mind here are some things I want to share with you

Reach out to friends
Reach out to family

Reach out to those you care about

Find joy and humor where you can

This too will pass

If there is any way I can help, don't be scared to ask.
I'm always willing to adapt this class to best fit your needs

I am sorry you are dealing with this uncertainty.

Seek structure and stability in your life where you can:

- Family and Friends
- Create daily routines
- Form good habits
- Plan things you enjoy

The school will still be here



Last notes

- ▶ I'll always be available for email (mars.berwanger@cobbk12.org), phone call, or video call (email me to set these up)
- ▶ Check my blog every school day to stay up to date
- ▶ Grades can still be remediated! Fill out the remediation form on my resources page for past assignments or future assignments that you aren't happy with the grade about
- ▶ If you would like more structured and planned assignments let me know as I will be having some for my Foundations students regardless that I can pass along
- ▶ Don't be scared to REACH OUT with your concerns and needs