## **Reader Article – April**

As you can imagine – there are more questions right now than there are answers. So, I am only referencing things I know at this point. Keep in mind changes in education at the state or even federal level could impact local plans.

**3**<sup>rd</sup> **nine weeks** – Grades are finalized and will count as is since we were in session for 8 of the 9 weeks at the school. The last week of this nine weeks, (March 16-20) students were encouraged to submit completed missing work to be graded and those assignments counted toward their grade.

**4**<sup>th</sup> **nine weeks** – It's looking highly likely that we will continue to provide online instruction for the 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks. McComb Local became an online school in a short period of time so please bear with us we make this transition. Two things you should know include:

- Teachers are available Monday Friday for answering questions about homework from 9 AM – 2 PM daily. Communication should take place using school email and/or Google Classroom. Teachers will respond to your questions within 24 hours.
- Alternative paper packets are ONLY being provided to students without access to the internet.

**Eligibility** – unfortunately, the answer to this question is still "I don't know." School officials are working with and awaiting guidance from the Ohio High School Athletic Association and Ohio Department of Education. Since this is a fluid situation, we simply are unable to project an answer to this question at this time.

**Special education** - we are planning to continue holding meetings here at the school and have parents phone conference into the meeting. We have some flexibility in this and will re-evaluate daily as the COVID -19 situation evolves.

**Spring events and graduation** – we obviously do not have an answer at this time but will continue to monitor the situation and make determinations as we go. McComb Schools WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HOLD A GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR OUR SENIORS!

As I type this- the hallways are empty and its quiet. Unfortunately, it takes extreme situations such as this to make us realize the importance of the little things we often take for granted. I've heard a couple students already comment about how much they miss school and want to come back. Please understand, I miss all of you too.

My prayers go out to all McComb students, staff, and the whole school community. Take care of yourselves and try to be better versions of yourselves during these uncertain times.

"For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever. So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever." 2 Corinthians 4:17-18.