

Good Evening Rams,

It has been some time since I sent out a non-COVID related communication. I am excited to be able to provide some more information regarding upcoming events, changes, and supports available for your children. I know this year is particularly different, and never in my mind would I have imagined that taking temperatures at the start of the day would be something I looked forward too. But after having an empty campus 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, just seeing your children every morning turns the day around and makes all the effort worth it. Let me again remind you how willing we are to answer questions regarding any concerns you have. Just call the office and you will be directed to the appropriate person. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us directly.

Here are the updates:

### **Support During Remote Learning Days**

You probably have recognized that the amount of daily online support that teachers can provide during hybrid learning has significantly decreased. Please know that we have also recognized this problem. Here are some ways you can still get support when your student is not physically present at school.

**Office Hours**-Use the office hours that teachers provide on Wednesday via ZOOM. The hours are offered from 1:50 pm – 2:50 pm.

**NJHS Tutoring**-Access daily tutoring provided by NJHS and supervised by Mr. Jimenez. Please view the attached flier for more information.

- Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 10am – 11am & 1pm – 2pm
- ZOOM Code 856 416 2721
- Password: Tutoring

**UA Math Tutoring**-Please review the attached flier for more information about tutoring provided by University of Arizona

**Additional Intervention**-We are in the final steps of creating an additional intervention for a target group of students in each grade level. Students identified for this intervention will be required to log-in daily via ZOOM with several teachers who will then supervise work completion while students are at home and assist them with any difficulty they may have. If your child is identified for this intervention, you will get specific information about Google Classroom/ZOOM the times required to attend.

## **ID Badges for Bus**

I wanted to make you aware of a new procedure that is going to be started if your students ride the bus. When students board the bus, they will scan their ID. Once transportation sees full participation and rectifies any scanner issues, we will be able to release the app designed to work with our GPS system. Students will be allowed to board the bus if they do not have their ID, but we will continue to enforce the ID process here at the school.

The app will allow parents to:

- Register their student(s)
- Receive notifications when the bus enters certain zones
- Receive an email and/or text notification with the time and location when the student gets on and off of the bus

## **Honors Awards**

We are going to have a modified honors assembly to present certificates to our Academic Honor Roll and Principal Honor Roll recipients. Students will be called out of class during homeroom, we will present them with their certificate, and take pictures to be placed on our website. We will also honor students who have demonstrated courageous character during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Those students will be presented with a special certificate, gift card, and we will record a video of the letters from the nominating staff to be shared with families. As much as we want parents to be present for the awards, we can't accommodate those requests at this time. The dates below are the scheduled dates for the Honors Awards.

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Dec 3 & 4	Dec 7 & 8	Dec 10 & 11

I am pleased with how students have adapted to the new procedures now that they are back on campus. I see students following the expectations for sanitizing, keeping their hands clean and keeping their masks on. Thank you for continuing to reinforce the importance of these measures with your children.

Wishing you well,

Mr. Gutierrez