

Good Afternoon,

I hope everyone at your home is doing well. I apologize for the delay in delivering this information, there were a number of decisions at the state level that required adjustment of our plans. I also apologize for the length of the letter, there is critical information included for the start of the school year. I certainly wish circumstances had allowed me to present much different information, and in-person. I always look forward to seeing the students and parents at the start of school. This year I look forward to a different challenge in attempting to lead the school during a very difficult time. I will do my best to remain positive and will always work towards solutions that keep the best interests of the students at the forefront. Here is the key information for the start of school.

### **Communication**

Communication-This will be the standard process for school-wide communication while all students are participating in online learning. I will send out e-mail communication as necessary, in general I try to provide updates once a week. When communication is sent out an automated phone call will be made to advise you of the recent communication. The communication will also be placed on our website under the heading ***Updated School Opening Information***.

- Please make sure you check your junk e-mail and take the necessary steps to ensure the e-mails from the school/district are not being funneled into the junk folder.
- Communications are sent to the student's main contact only. Please share this information as needed.

### **Bell Schedule**

**SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE & LETTER**

### **TYLER Schedule vs Remote Learning by Necessity Bell Schedule**

- In TYLER, when you access your child's schedule it indicates times that are not consistent with the Remote Learning by Necessity Bell schedule. We have to keep those consistent in the system for when we return to in-person instruction. The printed schedules will indicate lunch periods, and we will provide copies of those when we do return. I will give more detail about the return to school process when we have a more solid start date. Right now we are focusing on making sure teachers and students are successful with online instruction.

### **Google Classroom/Student Communication**

We will have two methods for getting your students set-up on Google Classroom with their teachers. The **first** method is the parent letter you will receive from each teacher introducing themselves and expectations for online learning, within that letter you will receive the specific Google Classroom code/instructions for your child to join the class. I will also be creating a

school-wide document that will include all Google Classroom codes, I will send these **after** the teachers send their initial letter, as a method to ensure you have the correct information. All teachers will be using Google Classroom as the platform for their instruction. Within Google Classroom there will be some content specific resources that you will access. Directions for these will be included in the initial letter, and teachers will be using the first few days of school to make sure students can access all of their necessary technology.

### **Chromebooks**

We will begin distributing Chromebooks on **Wednesday, August 5 @ 7:30 a.m.** and continue through **Friday, August 7**. Chromebooks will be available for checkout from **7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.** Please follow these steps so we may adequately prepare Chromebooks for checkout. E-mail or call Beatrice Otis at [botis@amphi.com](mailto:botis@amphi.com) or 520-696-5924

- Stop by the office during the scheduled times. Someone will let you in the office and have you fill out the necessary paperwork.
- Please respect social distancing as we are only allowing one visitor in the office at a time.
- Remember to wear your mask.

### **RAMS 101-6th Grade Only**

The transition from elementary to middle school can be challenging. In our current environment, students need more support than ever. In the Rams 101 class, sixth graders will become acclimated to the secondary education format. They will focus on improving their executive functioning skills- time management, perseverance, organization, planning, etc. Students will think about their own attitude towards learning and develop a growth mindset where progress is the prize. Students will also explore 21st-century learning tools and strategies to help them become more independent and accountable. This year-long course will also include public speaking skills and Sean Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens. In the Spring, students will develop ways to serve their community and the people around them.

Students in this class will also help deliver school-wide announcements and create digital information for Cross webpage/announcements/front office messaging.

### **Homeroom Class**

Homeroom is during 2nd period. During this time we will have our regular announcements that will eventually transition into video, student run announcements. During this time we will also implement our social-emotional learning. We will have the students document their required homework/future tests in their agendas. Students can see teachers for make-up work when absent, and to retake tests after they have completed the necessary corrective work. This is of benefit to students as they won't have to miss new instruction while retaking/making up a test.

**DURING Remote Learning by Necessity** -Homeroom will only meet on Wednesdays, it will specifically address social/emotional learning. Please see attached bell schedule.

### **TA/Harelson Helper**

Students who are currently scheduled as a TA or Harelson Helper do not currently have responsibilities at this time.

### **Important Dates**

- Remote Learning by Necessity begins on **August 10, 2020**
- Earliest anticipated return to in-person instruction is **September 8, 2020**.
- There should be more clarification around **August 25, 2020** regarding the decision to remain in Remote Learning by Necessity or return to in person learning.

### **School Supplies**

Right now there will be limited supplies required. If your student needs any specific materials for a class, the teacher will provide that information in their initial communication. For some electives, you students may need materials that we have on campus. If that is the case we will make specific arrangements for you to pick up those items at school.

### **Office & Campus Access**

We are continuing to limit access to the office. If it is necessary to visit the office please wear your mask, and respect the social distancing reminders that will be placed on campus.

We are pleased that so many of you have chosen to stay with Cross during this transition to a different type of learning. I have seen the teachers engaging in learning like never before to make sure they are ready for your children. We will be working together next week to make sure our entire program is ready for your students. I don't promise everything will be perfect, but I do promise that we will together with you to do the best for your children.

Wishing you well,

Mr. Gutierrez