

Parents and Students:

It is hard to believe that we have already passed the 6-weeks mark and well into week seven. Before we know it, the 1st grading period will be over! I hope that everything has settled down and is going well.

I appreciate the parents and students attitude and efforts over this time. The staff has seen kids and parents working hard to make this a great experience for everyone. In addition, our school staff has been amazing. The amount of work and time that they are spending is incredible. They are getting to a point that they are making it look easy even though it is not. I hope that you take the time to recognize our incredible staff for their effort.

I do need to communicate a little information regarding events and milestones that we are approaching over the next few weeks.

ATTENDANCE

I know that everyone is very concerned about his or her student's attendance and the impact it might have, especially if they are In Person learners. Please know that attendance is a tracking tool to help us if we have a positive COVID case. In addition, it allows our teachers and the school to know who is in class on a day a so that we can manage the students and our facility.

With the current situation, the state, district, and campus have made adjustments to help. The key is that all learners, no matter the format, engage every day. We will still take attendance for tracking but please do not get caught up absences. Please focus on kids engaging Remotely or In Person every day.

ACADEMICS

We are glad to see so many kids doing well on both platforms. However, we are seeing a good number of kids that are struggling. Student that have returned to In Person learning are showing signs of improvement, but we are not seeing the same with Remote Learners. I ask that all parents look at the grade reports that will be posted in the Parent Access Center (PAC) this week and then at the end of the grading period. I know that some will want to have a discussion about education and health and make the best choice for your child. Please contact your child's assistant principal or counselor if you would like to discuss the learning platform and how it is impacting your child.

PLATFORM CHANGES

We have the end of a grading period and the PSAT/SAT approaching in October. In order to manage all the students, accomplish all tasks, and have it be a positive experience for kids, we need to adjust the Learning Platform Change plan a little.

We will make adjustments to a child's learning platform between now and September 29. If that adjustment is made, they can start Remote or In Person 3 days from that date.

If you intend for your child to change platforms to begin the 2nd grading period, please notify your child's counselor by September 29, 2020. We will make the adjustment and they will begin on October 13, 2020.

We will not process any Platform Changes after September 29 – October 14. Due to the end of the grading period and preparation of the PSAT/ACT.

Students that need to adjust their learning platform on October 14 will have a start date of October 19, 2020.

Please remember that any platform change to In Person that also requires a student to use district transportation must allow for 3 days to arrange for bus service. Please know that we must make the platform adjustment and then you must apply for transportation.

I hope that this helps and creates discussion in your home about the Learning Platform, reestablishing educational expectations, and making adjustments as necessary.

We have a lot of exciting things going on this week and weekend. Enjoy some Cavalier Fun!!
Have a great week.

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