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AGENDA

• Drew Schuler, PTO Treasurer – budget presentation and vote by PTO members
• Mark Joyner, Principal – updates and virtual learning presentation
• Q & A
UPDATES

• DCSD Board of Education meets September 14th. Superintendent Harris will outline parameters and plan for return to school and return to athletics – when and how employees and students will return to school.

• Currently – Virtual learning through at least September 17th. Interscholastic athletic competitions postponed until at least the beginning of October.

• Review of first two weeks

• What teachers are doing

• All students need to be using their DCSD S# email (S#@dekalbschoolsga.org)
VIRTUAL LEARNING

DHHS PTO GENERAL MEETING 9.1.2020
VIRTUAL LEARNING BASICS

PATIENCE, FLEXIBILITY, GRACE

Virtual Classrooms vs. Virtual Meeting Spaces

• Virtual Classrooms: Verge, Google Classroom, Edmodo
• Virtual Meeting Spaces: Teams, Zoom, Google Meets

Synchronous vs. Asynchronous Learning

• Synchronous – live, interactive teaching and learning
• Asynchronous – teaching and learning without interaction
VIRTUAL LEARNING

• Students should be able to access all classes through Verge – starting point if student does NOT know classroom/meeting space information. Teachers should have virtual classroom information on Verge.

• Call the front office (Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 2:00) for password reset – 678-874-6302

• Other technical problems need to be reported through a Help Desk Ticket
  • Click Here

• Tutorials and extra help: 9:00 – 9:40 am Extended Learning Time; Teacher office hours and Wednesday meetings
REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS

• Create and stick to a daily learning schedule
• Time management – review assignments and tasks; determine how long each task may take; USE A CALENDAR OR PLANNER
• Eating is crucial – eat breakfast and lunch everyday; don’t just snack on junk food throughout the day.
• Be on time to live sessions
• Distractions – put away your cell phone; don’t have unnecessary windows open (i.e. Netflix)
• Ask questions when you have them – type in chat box, email your teacher, text or email a friend. Be timely with your questions, ask whenever you don’t understand (technology or content).
REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS

• Take breaks – leave your computer, move around, drink water, eat a healthy snack, get on social media, play games

• Maintain communications with your teachers through your DCSD S# email.

• Be patient with yourself and your teachers
  • We are all on this learning journey together

• Report any problems to your counselor or an administrator
  • See something, Say something

Remember – PATIENCE, FLEXIBILITY, GRACE
REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

• Be patient with yourself, your child, his/her teachers
• Review daily class / work schedule with your student
• Encourage healthy eating and eating breakfast and lunch.
• Allow your child social time during lunch and outside of live class sessions
• Review assignment expectations and graded work
• Encourage your student to advocate / communicate for himself / herself.
REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

• Communicate with teachers as needed – email is the best form of communication. Please allow 24 – 48 business hours for a reply. Teacher email addresses - [Click Here]
• Help but don’t hover
• Report problems to counselor and or administration
  • See something, Say something
• Discuss and implement enrichment work beyond the classroom – research, writing, reading, projects, community service, etc.
• Breathe – Be kind to yourself. Allow for errors and mistakes – they’re inevitable. You’re doing the best you can with new information and responsibilities. Remember self-care.
  
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RESOURCES

• DCSD: 10 Tips for successful virtual learning - *Click Here*
• DHHS Virtual Relaxation Room – *Click Here*
• TedX Talks: “Tough Teacher Truths” (video) - *Click Here*
• Online Learning Tips for Students (video) - *Click Here*
• How to Stay Organized for Distance Learning (video) - *Click Here*
• “Supporting Students, Teachers, and Parents…” - *Click Here*
• “Fostering a Strong Community in a Virtual Classroom” - *Click Here*