

August 25, 2020

Dear Parents of Distance Learner Students,

You are receiving this email as you have chosen distance learning for your son or daughter at Hutchinson Middle School. Welcome to the new school year as we begin our first day with students on Monday, August 31st. It will be very important that you remind your son/daughter to check their school email for the Google Classroom codes that will be sent out the end of the week. Students who are distance learning, will be expected to join their class live, daily through Google Meets at the time each class meets. **This is different that the distance learning we experienced last spring.** If students are not “live” each class period, through Google Meet, they will be counted absent. **Attendance will be taken each class period** and we will follow our regular attendance policies and procedures. We will be easing into our schedule the first two days.

- You will need a device or Chromebook to log into the Google Classroom and Google Meets as a distance learner.
- You will need Wi-Fi at your home to connect live to each class period each day.

Class schedules will be available to students starting on Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00AM. It will be your child’s responsibility to obtain their class schedule, online, through Infinite Campus.

Your child will be invited to the Virtual Open House on Wednesday, August 26 from 6:00-8:00pm with their Academic Homeroom Advisor. Have your child check their school email for details on Virtual Open House and how to check in.

Material Pick-up will be on Friday, August 28th between 7:00AM-3:00PM by the Pool doors. Your classroom teacher will email you if you have materials to pick up.

Attached is a time schedule for classes. It is very important for your child to log into the Google Meet daily on time. Attendance will be taken each hour.

During WIN (What I Need) time on your child’s schedule, students will be expected to read independently for 15-20 minutes each day. See that your child has a reading book for this independent activity.

Please remember that teachers may not be able to answer immediate questions during class as they will be teaching a group of students in front of them as well as “live streaming” their instruction to the distance learners. They will do their best to respond during their planning time, before or after school.

Also attached is the ISD423 Distance Learning Quick Guide to become familiar with.

Just a reminder that if your child would like to return to face to face instruction at the middle school, during the year, they will need to do that at mid-trimester (6 weeks) and at the end of the trimester (12 weeks).

Please let us know if you have further questions. Working in partnership and supporting the educational process for your son/daughter will be very important. Thank-you!

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