

School Update September 1, 2020 (There are two updates today. One for Distance Learning and one for Returning to Campus Learning)

(Distance Learning Update)

Good Afternoon Parents,

Thank you for helping your child to be successful while learning remotely! You have indicated that your child(ren) would like to continue with the distance learning format. If this is still the plan, please make sure to review the information below. If you would like your child(ren) to return to in-person learning please let me know right away. Distance Learning will begin next Tuesday, September 8th.

Distance learning will look different than the remote learning for the first two weeks of school. For K-5 students, the teachers will be recording lessons and posting them to Google Classroom within the day of the lesson being taught. The only live lessons will be for 4th and 5th Math, students can join through Google Classroom for Math. For Middle School students, students can follow the period schedule and join Google Meet for each class. Lessons will also be recorded and posted. We have ordered Swivl camera robots to assist with the recording of lessons, however, they are back-ordered, so in the meantime, the videos will be made with a laptop or mobile device.

Assignments due dates will be posted daily along with assignments on Google Classroom. Teachers have limited time throughout the week to provide one-on-one assistance. If your child has a question, please email the teachers so that they can find time to provide assistance.

Grace will provide all the books and supplies needed for school. All handouts and worksheets will be in Google Classroom, along with many worksheets available for pick-up (depending on the grade, the teacher will communicate you with what is available for pick up).

You will also be receiving an email about returning to campus for in-person learning. This is to keep you in the loop for when your family is ready to return to the campus.

If you have any questions please let me know.

In Him,

Ben Elliott

Superintendent

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(Return to Campus Learning)

Good Afternoon Parents,

Thank you for helping your child to be successful while learning remotely! You have indicated that your child(ren) would like to return to campus next week. If this is still the plan, please make sure to follow all of the instructions below. If you would like your child(ren) to continue with the distance learning option please let me know right away.

Upon returning next week we have a couple of details to help us transition smoothly.

First, to help keep all our students, staff, and families healthy we are asking everyone to self-screen at home before coming to Grace. If you have any symptoms please stay home until you are healthy. We will be sharing details on the HHS Symptoms Decision Tree later this week that will be used as a guideline. Students will be screened before drop off at the bell tower in the back parking lot or at the gate in the east (Church) parking lot. Remember only the students will be allowed on campus.

ALL students need to bring all their books, supplies, and devices to school on Tuesday.

K-5 students – Please bring your tablet, charging cord (plus the keyboard cord for 4th & 5th

grade), charging box, and stylus. Keep the tablet in the case. The devices will remain at school each evening.

Middle School – Please make sure your Chromebook is charged.

Your child's teacher will let you know what other items need to be brought to school.

As we transition back onto campus, uniforms will be required for the first two weeks. If your student is not wearing a uniform free dress guidelines apply. PTF will be hosting the Uniform Resale on Sept. 11th and 12th in the Youth Room. You can purchase new uniforms online from Nunes or at any local retail store. All students will need to start wearing uniforms by September 21st.

The last thing for returning, each student needs the following items every day:

A mask (plus a spare). Masks are required for 3rd-8th graders and strongly recommended form K-2. We are asking for all K-2 students to have a mask so when they are receiving one-on-one help from their teacher, and 6ft cannot be maintained, they can put on their mask. This will help us protect our teachers' health.

Headphones. All students will need a pair of "over the head" style earphones for their devices. Please no earbud-style headphones.

Personal Hand Sanitizer. We will have the wall mounted sanitizer stations around campus. We are asking all parents to provide a small hand pump sanitizer to keep at their child's desk. Students will also be encouraged to regularly wash their hands.

Backpacks and Lunchboxes.

Please make sure everything is labeled with your child's name

We are excited to see your students back on campus next Tuesday! Remember the school day now starts at 8:15 a.m., the gates will open at 8:00 a.m. Once the student have their health screening they will go directly to the classroom. Pick up is at 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 2:00 p.m. on Friday.

In Him,

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