



Hello Junior High students and parents,

I and the rest of the Junior High staff are excited for you to join us this fall. We are looking forward to providing you/your student(s) with a successful JH year. Please make note of the following information as you make plans for the beginning of the schools year:

Meet and Greet

- We will have a scheduled Meet and Greet time for you to come to campus and meet with the JH teachers before we move to Distance Learning. Plan to come to campus (student and parent) as we will discuss the upcoming school year. A schedule will come soon, but pencil in Tuesday (9/8) or Wednesday (9/9). You and your student would sign-up for a specific time to come in. We do want you to bring the device you plan on using. It should have a keyboard students can properly type with (phones do not count...I-pad or tablet could work, especially if a proper keyboard is attached).

Distance Learning

- We are planning on starting our 'normal' schedule on Thursday (9/10) for periods 1-4 and Friday (9/11) for periods 5-8.
- Our teachers have spent countless hours preparing to provide your student(s) with a great educational experience. We are dedicated to make sure your student's year is engaging, challenging and successful.
- We will be using Google Classroom and Zoom as our two main forms of getting students what they need to be successful.

Technology

- Your students will be issued new passwords this year. We will make sure that everything is working properly and then share these with students and parents. These passwords will not be able to be changed and should not be shared.
- While we are starting the school year online, we do recognize and know that students should have limited technology time. We will be monitoring how much time students are taking to complete school work and we ask you (parents and student) to limit other online time. This will be crucial in navigating distance learning successfully.

On-Campus Options

- We plan to have on-campus options for elective classes on Friday mornings after Chapel. More to come, but the basics are that our elective teachers (Woodshop, Chorale, Band, Photoshop, Foods, Drama and Guitar) will be teaching a section to those who can make it in.
- There will also be other opportunities for students to meet with teachers to get academic help and enrichment activities such as science labs.

Communication

- Please note that routine communication with parents from JH staff for classroom needs, events, etc., will be primarily via email. Until we can return full time to campus, we won't be sending hard copies of notes, progress reports, or letters home to parents. Thanks for being diligent in checking email for communication from teachers. You can be assured that JH teachers will be prompt in answering your emails as we want what is best for your child. Serious issues will always receive a personal response.

Please feel free to email (best way to contact me) if you have questions. Watch your email for further updates on signing up for Meet and Greet Sept. 8-9 and more about the Friday elective schedule.

Many blessings to you and your family.

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**“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn His face to you and give you peace.”**

Numbers 6: 24-26