

As we make our way closer to school starting on August 17, I wanted to continue updating parents on a number of important items that will be critical to your student's success this fall. Many of you are aware that the CMS School Board adjusted their original plan to now move to Plan C (Full Remote Learning). ***This means that we will not have the opportunity to see students in person on the ten planned onboarding days.*** We will now have to distribute Chromebooks, instructional materials, and other items to all kids using a "Pick-Up Day" format. Information surrounding this process that will take place on August 12 and 13 will be sent out next week. More important, we must also train all our kids remotely on how to navigate the enhanced CANVAS platform. I appreciate your patience as we navigate this ever-changing landscape of what school will look like. I hope we can get back to face-to-face instruction sooner than later as our kids need it more than ever!

Need to Know "Top Ten" Items

1. CMS Remote Academy students will use the same schedule as Option C Students and will be taught by Bailey Teachers within their assigned block on their schedule. This will maintain consistency for all of our kids when we return to on-site learning. Please reference the attached schedule.
 2. Student schedules will be released on or before August 10. Please know that there will be very few changes made to schedules...only for mistakes in core class placement.
 3. Our core classes will run for 60 minutes each, Electives for 70 minutes each on A/B Day schedule, and Thunder Time will be our Social/Emotional Learning block and homeroom, which is not optional.
 4. Students will be expected to be engaged online from 9:00 am-4:00 pm daily with their teachers and peers. Breaks and lunch are built into the schedule, but this will look very different from remote learning last spring. Please reference the attached "Remote Learning Expectations for Students" shown below.
 5. Students will be graded on all assignments, tests, and projects from day 1.
 6. Attendance will be taken in each block and teachers/administrators will be following up with parents daily for kids who are not actively engaged in all of their classes.
 7. CANVAS is the platform we will use and it's really important for students to get acclimated quickly to the structure that varies a bit different from the spring. All students (Remote Academy and Option C students) will need to spend time watching the training videos that will be posted on our website by August 10.
 8. There is no specific supply list for the remote learning so please use the supply lists posted on the website as a reference since students will need many of these items to use at home for assignments, notes, etc. (and upon our return to school).
 9. Teachers will use a mix of synchronous and asynchronous teaching every day (see definitions on schedule document).
 10. Please reference the Bailey Remote Learning Student Expectations shown below.
1. Complete all student trainings to ensure a full understanding of how to access CANVAS and other instructional platforms and materials.
 2. Be Proactive and ready for school each day.
*Physical appearance, behavior, and appropriate learning location
 3. Attend all classes daily and complete all assignments on-time.
- *Grading policy will apply for assignments, tests, projects, and attendance!**
4. **Sign into CANVAS Courses every day in every block.**
 5. Actively participate in virtual meetings...show your face, share your thoughts, and ask questions.
 6. Ask questions when you need help...virtually in class or through email.

7. Check school email at a minimum of twice daily. One time prior to your starting assignments, and another time before you sign off for the day.
8. During virtual learning, homework will only be work that was not completed during their daily instructional block so students should pace themselves and stay on track with assignments during class time to avoid getting behind.
9. Follow Digital Citizenship, Honor Code, and CMS Code of Conduct guidelines.
10. Communicate with your teacher when absent from the whole day or even 1 block.

*Parents should also use normal absent procedures by contacting the school to document an excused absence and/or using the link on the Bailey website.

Pick-Up Days for Chromebooks & Materials – All families will need to come by on these days!

***Dates and times will be finalized next week**

We will set up a drive thru "Pick-Up Day" for parents to come by at scheduled times by grade level to receive Chromebooks and instructional materials needed for various content areas.

If your child has a CMS issued Chromebook that you kept from last spring, please plan to keep that device to use during remote learning. Students who do not have a Chromebook at home will need to come on the Pick-up Days to get one.

· If your CMS Chromebook is broken, please plan to bring it on the Pick-up Days to swap it out for a replacement.

· ***All of our families*** should plan to swing by on our Pick-up Days to receive instructional materials for math, Language Arts, and other content related items.

Remote Academy

- The Remote Academy option does not allow students to return to campus until after the semester break in December, even if we go back to school at some point this fall.
- Remote Academy students will use same schedule as other students and are assigned to classes with teachers from Bailey in Power School.
- **Parents still have until August 3 to enroll in the CMS Remote Academy.** Please contact the school if you are wanting to enroll in this option as the online portal is now closed.

Thanks and Stay Tuned,

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