

I want to start by asking everyone to TAKE A DEEP BREATH as we move to the start of school on Monday! As we begin our school year remotely, there will obviously be first week hurdles that we must overcome, just like we have on any other year. The difference is that it's not going to be the same stressful bus concerns...now its CANVAS, Chromebooks, and kids at the house.

On Monday, all your student will need to do is have the Zoom links for each of their teachers and go on to each of their virtual meetings (A link to these is on [our website](#)). We are going to train all of our kids with CANVAS and the other nuances to how school will work remotely during the first few days. Also, don't try to complete the CANVAS pairing so you can see their account until we get through the first few days. You will need the pairing code, which is only accessible on your students CANVAS home page. After the first few days, you can sit down with your Bronco and pair your account at that point. Finally, I highly encourage all of our families to use the Bailey website as the main resources for finding answers to your questions. We have posted most of the information in two main places, in the middle of the main page and also in the tab call "Back to school Doc/Forms". Thank you in advance for all of your patience and support as we get school rolling in a very different way on Monday. Hopefully, we will be back to in-person learning sooner than later!!!!

Top Ten Need to Knows

1. Students are required to be using a CMS issued Chromebook. Log on to a student Chromebook using the username and password below. They use their individual student ID in the username.

Username - studentid@student.cms.k12.nc.us

Password - YYYYMMDD (DOB)

2. Zoom links for first day - Students should use the Zoom link reference list by teacher that is located on our website.

3. Student may login to their CANVAS account and look through their "Dashboard" before Monday. However, their new classes will not populate on their dashboard until Monday morning. They do not need to go on before Monday as teachers will go through this with them, but some may want to and I wanted to clarify what they can/can't see.

4. Only students are permitted in virtual classes. Parents or other supervising adults should never be on screen when your student is on a virtual learning platform with other students and the teacher.

5. Please go on to the New [PTSO website](#) and pay your \$20 student fee that covers PTSO membership, iXL, Agenda, and \$5 towards our PTSO capital fund.

6. **Agendas** - these were ordered to come in on August 21 when we were originally set to start on August 31. Unfortunately, the vendor could not expedite the process to get them here for our Pick-up Days. Therefore, we will announce a process for parents to get these once they arrive later next week. We will be using agendas once we return to in-person learning, but families may want to use them during remote learning as well.

7. **Attendance** - we will be taking student attendance in every block, including homeroom (Thunder Time), every day starting on August 17. Therefore, it's important that your student be present on all virtual class meetings.

8. Please take a few minutes this weekend to watch the Open House Team videos that will be posted on our website by 12:00 noon on Friday. This will give you some introductory information from each of the teachers on your students Team. If you are unsure of the Team, reference their schedule for teacher names and look for these names beside the corresponding video.

9. **Check final schedules in PowerSchool on Sunday** - Please know that schedules are still subject to change as we tweak due to incorrect placement and new student enrollment. This is something that happens every single year right up until school starts and even through the first week of school. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. We will contact parents by phone or email of any student who has a schedule change after today.

10. **Summer Reading** - We want to give students who completed their summer reading assignment credit for this independent learning activity. If your student takes a picture of their completed reading log and assignment and emails it to their Language Arts Teacher by Friday, August 21, they will receive 100

points out of a 50 point informal assignment (yes, 50 extra credit points) in their first quarter ELA grade. If your student did not complete the Summer Reading assignment, they will be exempt from this grade in PowerSchool.

Math Update

All courses EXCEPT Math 1 will be using Open Up as the curriculum this year. You can access the full curriculum and all resources at <https://openupresources.org/math-curriculum/>.

All activities will be accessible in Canvas but some courses will also receive printed workbooks. See below for details for your particular math course:

- Math 8 - Units 1 and 2 will be available for pick up (8/13)
- Math 7 Honors- have not arrived but should be available for pick up in a week or two
- Math 7- Units 1 and 2 will be available for pick up (8/12-13)
- Math 6 and 6 Honors - will not have printed workbooks this year
- ** 7th & 8th Grade Math 1 & Math 2 - No workbooks

CMS Eats at Home

Link to CMS site: <https://www.cms.k12.nc.us/cmsdepartments/nutrition/Pages/CMS-Eats-at-Home.aspx>

- During the first two weeks of school, August 17 - 31, our students will be provided one free breakfast and one free lunch at 40 grab-and-go meal sites across the district each weekday. Our grab-and-go meal sites will be open from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Starting September 1, meal bundles with five breakfasts and five lunches will be available for students. Meal bundles will be available for pick up at meal sites or delivered to students' bus stops. Meal bundles are free for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Students who do not qualify for free or reduced lunch can purchase meal bundles for \$15 per week.
- From August 17-31, breakfast and lunch will be available for pick-up daily from one of **40 regional meal hubs**.
- Pick up will be 10:30 - 12:30 daily for August 17-31, then 10:30 - 12:30 Tuesday - Friday until such time as children return to school.
- These same sites will serve as the production centers for the weekly meal bundles (5 breakfasts and 5 lunches) pickup and delivery program that will begin September 1.
- If pickup is not convenient, meal bundles will be delivered to a student's regular bus stop for parents who select that option.
- Weekly delivery and pick-up days are determined by the students' assigned group/cohort:
 - Group A - Tuesdays
 - Group B - Wednesdays
 - Group C - Thursdays
 - Group D - Fridays
- Families will order meal bundles through the PayPams system; the option is live on the PayPams site.

PayPams site: <https://www.paypams.com/>

Thanks and Create a Great First week of School,

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