



Dear DHS Students and Families,

I want to thank all of you for the hard work you and your students have put into this year with the challenges involved in being back in the building and the safety precautions we must observe. In my opinion, things couldn't have gone better and things are still going great, as DHS remains a safe place for us to educate your child.

While we have no plans of going back to remote learning at this time, I also know we need to plan and prepare for different scenarios. One of our biggest concerns is that if COVID were to affect a handful of our teachers and staff, it may prove to be difficult to remain in the building due to substitute shortages. That concern, along with knowing there is room to make a remote learning experience better for all involved (students, families, and teachers) if needed, have led me to want to practice a **remote learning day for the high school only, on Monday, November 23rd**. High school students will not report to the school building that day, but teachers and staff will. Instead of students reporting to the building, they will follow a synchronous remote learning day where they will be expected to log in at a specific time for each of their even number period classes (schedule listed below). **Students will then return to the building on Tuesday, November 24th**. This will allow us to test new expectations for students and staff regarding delivery of instruction, as well as our technology systems and updated approach to remote learning. If remote learning was needed, it will not be an exact repeat of last spring. At the high school there will be more accountability for all, to include mandatory attendance for students to attend live video classes at scheduled times and the grades the students earn will be reflected as such on their transcripts. Students have been informed and provided additional information by their teachers during PAW period today during school.

Now that we have grown more familiar with this process of remote learning, we are prepared to increase our expectations while maintaining flexibility for our administrators, staff members, students, and families in terms of learning remotely.

- New content will be introduced during our remote learning days.
- Students will be expected to participate in synchronous (live) sessions each day for attendance and to check in with their teacher and receive information pertaining to new content. Students will do this by logging into Canvas and joining a "Zoom" link on the teacher's Canvas home page
- Grades will be given and earned based on attendance, completion, effort, and level of proficiency. What a student earns is what they will get on their transcript.

High school student expectations:

- ALL students take their MacBook/iPad home Friday, November 20th
- Monday, November 23rd: Log into even number period Canvas classes and click the "Zoom" link on the home page within each class to join class for the day
 - **Attendance will be taken and recorded via each live video session**
 - Period 2: 10am
 - Period 4: 12pm
 - Period 8: 1pm
 - Students will remain on live instruction until dismissed by the teacher

Educationally Yours,

Douglas J. Ford, Principal