

Principal Notes 9/21/2020

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held September 21st and 22nd from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. The instructions for logging into Zoom and the teacher Zoom links are on our website. It will be first come first served and our teachers will update parents as to their waiting list status. You will need to identify your child by name and by their student identification number (this can be found on Aspire if you do not know it). We realize this is new for all of us. Teachers are also available on Fridays during their office hours 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and by individual appointment.

This is the link to access the list of Zoom links for each teachers:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v8vl6RAM26WFjyK2gascndTbHfQCvsox/view?usp=sharing>

Congratulations to Jude Horsley, Laine Bradley, Paulina Filippova, and Siena Robinson who were named as National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists. This means that academically they are in the top 1% of high school seniors in the country based on the scores of the PSAT test.

Synchronous & Asynchronous Class Expectations:

When each class period begins, (e.g., 9:00 a.m.) the teachers open their Zoom rooms within Canvas for students. Instruction will not start until 10 minutes into the period (9:10 a.m.) to allow students to settle. Synchronous instruction will continue for 45 minutes for each period. Asynchronous learning begins when the teacher is done with direct teaching or after 45 minutes. During the asynchronous time, the teachers are available for the remainder of the period to help students, to answer questions etc. Students should be taking advantage of this time with the teachers and they do not have to log off from class. If they are struggling or have questions, the asynchronous period is a great time to work with the teacher. As we move forward in the school year if students are not completing classwork/assignments, we are going to ask that they are present online the entire period both synchronously and asynchronously. This is a time when students can get extra help and support.

Friday Schedule:

All Teachers have online office hours from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. each Friday. This is a school day for the teachers and their duties are to be in the building, hold office hours, schedule individual meetings as needed, participate in school-directed trainings, grade and team level training/collaboration, and complete lesson plans and student grading. Student expectations are that it is a school day and this is where you can talk with your teachers during office hours, get clarification on assignments, work on and complete assignments.

We have informational videos up on the web site and will be adding more in the following weeks. If you do not have the time you need to talk with a teacher during P/T conferences, Friday's are a great day to schedule to meet with a teacher.