

August 20, 2020

To DHS Parent, Students and Friends,

In light of the situation with COVID 19 and the uncertainty of when we will return to person-to-person education, Durham High School has opted to create "Advisory" classes. Each student has been placed in an Advisory with a teacher they currently have in another class. The teacher will individually contact each student every Monday to check in with concerns with curriculum, assignments, appointments needed with teachers or counselors, college questions or college testing, materials, log ins and anything else that a student would have available on campus, but not during distant learning. Many times the teacher/advisor may refer the student to our counseling staff or send an email to another teacher to inform them that a student is requesting help.

Durham High School will use August 31, September 2, September 3 and September 4 to hand out instructional materials, Chromebooks, textbooks, novels, log-in information and all essential materials.

Distance learning will start on September 8th using the time schedule provided (see separate sheet).

The procedure for Chromebook and material distribution will be as follows:

Teacher/Advisors will meet with up to three students at a "scheduled" time. We will provide masks, if needed, and the classrooms have the desks set 6 feet apart. Teacher/Advisors will make the appointments using either Sign-up Genius, Calendly or good old fashion phone calls.

We are planning on 30 minutes for each group of 3. Our staff will wipe down the desks in between each visit. Each grade level or "set" of advisors gets one day. That way we minimize the people traffic on campus.

If students can't make their day or their scheduled time, advisors will make a note and figure out next steps. Below is the date, by Teacher/ Advisor, for your meeting. Please see your Advisory Class, Period 8, in Power School for your assigned teacher. Schedules were mailed home on Thursday, August 20.

Day #1 August 31 - Advisory Day (A. Arendt, W. Bill, A. Johnson, N. Wilson) - "Meet and Greet"

Day #2 September 2 - Advisory Day (S. Contreras, M. Farley, K. Hall, E. Lizardo, N. Riley) – "Meet and Greet"

Day #3 September 3 - Advisory Day (B. Bear, R. Bill, M. Eaton) – "Meet and Greet"

Day #4 September 4 - Advisory Day (E. Abshier, D. Atkinson, J. Murphy-Atkins, M. Pimenti) - "Meet and Greet"

NOTE: Tuesday, September 8 First day of Distance Learning.

Sincerely,

Robbin Pedrett, Principal