

Welcome Trojan parents and students to the 2020-2021 school year. This will be one of those years that we never forget and always remember. As easy as it is to focus on what we think we may be missing we need to strive to make the best of what we can get out of our time. One is counter productive and the other can be a great motivator and impetus for always taking a positive outlook and advantage of what we can accomplish. Enough of that!

I will attempt to make this short and to the point as things are going to change and we'll have to keep communicating.

Enclosed in this mailing is your student's Durham High School schedule, the distance learning schedule of log in times, and the schedule for the student or parent/student to pick up materials and "meet and greet" your advisory teacher (Details below and attached). In this mailing is the "contract" for use of the Chromebook. If a Chromebook is needed, please return this form signed, when the student picks up their materials during their "meet and greet" appointment.

Durham is utilizing distance education for the first six weeks of school, as a minimum. This was chosen as the educational program needed to move forward. Our district wanted to begin with something for a determined amount of time rather than skipping back and forth. I'm sure you are aware that we can't even think about in-school education until Butte County is off the watch list for consecutive days. When we return it will begin in the hybrid model with full days all seven periods but only half the students. The next day, the other half will attend while the first half is completing work or utilizing the on-line curriculum. There are exceptions to the on-line curriculum as Acellus, our provider, does not have all of our classes available. Some of those classes will use a program called ICEV for agriculture and manufacturing and other classes will use Google classroom. (We will give your student their Google classroom identifiers during our distribution of materials.)

Our sports program is on hold. CIF is still planning on offering a full range of sports in an abbreviated year beginning possibly in December or January. This is all dependent on Covid.

So here is what you need to know.

1. Student schedules include the classes they chose last spring. There will be no changes.
2. The student schedule was then placed in the Acellus curriculum so all classes, unless one of the exceptions above, will come to you through Acellus. Acellus can be uploaded on to your own device or we are supplying Chromebooks to all students if needed.
3. Each morning Tuesday through Friday, students will "attend" class in the distant learning schedule provided. Periods 1, 3, 5, 7 are on one day and 2, 4, 6 are on another. Each class will be attended twice per week by logging on and completing the work. At the high school level there may be additional work, reading, and/or problems assigned that include additional time other than the stated 8 am-12 noon on the printed schedules.
4. Mondays are reserved for students for work completion and meeting with their advisor. Each student is placed in an advisory and is shown on their schedule during "8th" period. Monday morning, 8 am-12 noon, is work completion and virtually meeting, calling or communicating with your advisor.
5. Grades will be posted in Power School. Assignments may be visible in Acellus but student grades are only visible in power school. Attendance will also be accounted for in Power School and it is vitally important for much needed funding.

6. Textbooks, novels, supplies, Chromebooks, log in information will be available during your scheduled pick up times. Your date is shown on the attached “meet and greet” letter. Teacher/Advisors will contact you shortly to schedule a time slot for pick-up on your day. Once your appointment is made, please make every effort to keep your appointment so that we may move forward.
7. Lunches will be served again this fall through our school lunch program but at this time unless you have filled out and qualify for the free and reduced lunches, there will be a minimal cost. I believe there is information on the webpage for clarification.
8. If you are in band and you need your instrument for the on-line program you are using, we will work to have your instrument for you when you meet to pick up your other materials.

So a typical day would look like this.

7:00 AM – Rise and shine and get breakfast and ready for your 8:00 class

8:00 AM – log on to your first class. You may have a teacher contact you or you just begin to move through the program. You will have assignments given to you automatically by the program. (This probably will not take the entire hour. You may finish early).

9:00 AM – log on to your next class. It may be a Google Classroom class or another Acellus class. Check your schedule and see what your program shows. (Your power school schedule should lead the way).

10:00-log on to your third class. This is easy now and you are getting the swing of it. Make sure you are following your school schedule and your distant learning time schedule.

11:00 – log on to you last class of the day. If it is a 2-4-6 day you are already done except for the work that you need to complete and submit.

Mondays are different. That is the work completion day, ask the teacher day, consult with the advisor day, set up appointments with the counselor or teacher for questions time, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Teachers will be working regular hours on campus. They are not accessible to you in person, but they are available through a phone call, an email, or Acellus (there is a link). Teachers are teaching 8 am-12 noon, but are available from 1 pm-3 pm.

Please be sure to access the district website and complete all the registration forms. P-to-date contact information, the district Lunch Form (whether you plan to utilize our food services or not), and other forms in the packet, are crucial for our school and district.

Thank you for all your support as we work together to insure success for all of our students!

Sincerely,

Robbin Pedrett, Principal