

September 2, 2020

Dear Online Learning Families,

First of all thank you for being so patient with us as we put the finishing touches on our DCS Online Learning program. Nearly 20 percent of our families have chosen to “do school” at home and we are pleased to offer this option. While offering online classes is certainly not new to us, offering a program of this scale is and we are learning as we continue to develop the program. We know that many of you have questions and the purpose of this letter is to hopefully answer them as well as reassure parents and students that our mission remains to put “Kids First,” whether or not they attend school face-to-face or online.

While we still have a few loose ends to tie up, we are very excited about starting school on Tuesday, September 8. We have top notch teachers ready to begin delivering district-accredited curriculum and excited about meeting and getting to know their students. Here is some need-to-know information as we prepare to begin school:

- **Teacher Assignments.** By now you should have received an email from your child’s teacher. If you have not, please have your student check his/her student email as the emails were also sent to students. Beginning tomorrow, the information will also be listed in your ParentVUE or your student’s StudentVUE accounts. If you are still having trouble finding out who your student’s teacher is, please contact Secretary Brigitte Fletcher at bfletcher@davisonschools.org or at 591-1035.
- **Virtual Open House.** For students in grades K-6, please mark your calendars for 4:30-6 p.m. Wednesday, September 9, for our Virtual Open Houses. Your child’s teacher will email you a link inviting you to join the Open House.
- **Chromebooks.**
 - For grades K-6, if you indicated on our survey early this month that your student needs a Chromebook, you should have received an email with the distribution dates. If you did not indicate that your student needed a Chromebook but he/she does need a device, please contact Secretary Brigitte Fletcher at bfletcher@davisonschools.org or 591-1035. If your child has access to his/her own Chromebook, we ask that he/she uses it now until we get our shipment of new Chromebooks in late September/early October. Once those have been received and software installed, we will begin the process of ensuring that every DCS student has a device.

- Davison Middle School: If you have a seventh or eighth grader, he or she should have already received his/her device.
- Davison Alternative Education: For our all online students, there will be a curbside Chromebook distribution outside our DAE main office doors on Thursday, September 3. from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 p.m- 6 p.m. If you cannot attend during this time please contact the DAE office at 591-1020 to schedule a pick up.
- Davison High School: Beginning on September 3, 2020, all completely virtual/ online students, who have been registered for all online classes only, can come to the West Entrance of the DHS between the gym and the band room, to pick up their school supplies at the designated times below. Parents and students will be able to remain in their vehicles with minimal interaction with our staff as we load your students' books and Chromebook into your vehicle.

The schedule will be as follows:

Thursday, September 3, 2020

Students with the last name beginning with the letters (A-E) 8 am - 9 am

Students with the last name beginning with the letters (F-L) 9 am - 10 am

Students with the last name beginning with the letters (M-R) 10 am - 11 am

Students with the last name beginning with the letters (S-Z) 11 am - 12 am

The make-up time for ALL virtual students (A - Z) 1 pm - 2 pm High school students

- **Special Education.** Each K-6th grade student who receives special education services will receive an individual invite to a Special Education Virtual Open House on September 8 from Teachers Mrs. Melissa Jones and Mrs. Jenifer Green. Our Student Services office is currently in the process of reviewing IEPs for all online students and will be in contact if your student's plan needs to be revised.
- **Link for Online Learning.** We have developed a Quick Link on our website specifically for our online students. We will be adding information but for now you will be able to see a directory of online teachers, our Guide to Online Learning, Virtual Learning Roles and Responsibilities and What Does Online Learning Look Like document. We will be adding teacher's newsletters beginning tomorrow. For your convenience, here is the link: <https://www.davisonschools.org/Domain/1518>
- **School Pictures.** The following dates have been set for virtual students to get their school photos taken.
 - Davison High School**
November 10 - 9th & 12th grades (Virtual from 2-4 p.m.)
November 11 - 10th & 11th grades (Virtual from 2-4 p.m.)
 - Davison Alternative Education**
October 23 - All online students from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

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Photos were taken already; Makeup date TBD

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5th grade - 5:00pm to 6:00pm

6th grade - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Elementary and Preschool (Central, Gates, Hill, Siple, Thomson and GSRP)

We are still working on dates for our elementary and preschool students.

- **Technology Questions.** If you are experiencing issues with your Chromebook, please log in from a different device and email helpdesk@davisonschools.org. Please include your child's name in the subject line.

Again, thank you for your support and patience as we begin our new school year. Wishing your child a wonderful school year!

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