August 30, 2020

Happy Sunday Murray Parents:

We hope you and your families are safe and well.

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 8, 2020. On the first day of school, and each school day thereafter, all students are expected to log into a Google Meet by at 8:55AM. All Google Meet classes will be posted on our Murray Remote Learning Hub. The learning hub is on our school’s website and will be updated weekly by all teachers. The hub will go live Friday, September 4th.

To support our remote learning rollout, we established a Murray Google Committee. For starters, the committee planned a Google training for parents. The parent training is scheduled for September 1st at 6:00PM. (PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE.)

Our teacher institute days are this week. During these important days, teachers spend the week getting ready for the school year. Of course teachers start their planning over the summer to get a jump start on building their systems and structures needed for a rich academic experience for all students. Teachers’ first day back is August 31st. When you get a moment, please send your child’s teacher a short note welcoming them back.

Lastly, to help you begin to visualize what the first day, and next ten weeks, will be like, we created a brief FAQ for you.

FAQ

Definitions
What is Synchronous Learning?
Online learning in which students learn from teachers in real-time.

What is Asynchronous Learning?
Online learning in which students learn from teachers using virtual education tools.

- What will Remote Learning look like?
  - Students will engage in both synchronous (live interactions with teachers) and asynchronous learning sessions (teachers and classmates via virtual tools).
• **What will a typical school day look like?**
  o Families should expect an experience that mirrors what students would normally experience at school. Teachers will take attendance daily, use Google Suite tools to post work and host live instruction, provide students with feedback, support, and host parent conferences as needed.

• **What platforms will be used to engage and communicate with students and families?**
  o All Murray teachers will use the Google Suite for Education.

• **Where can I find the Murray daily schedule?**
  o The daily schedule will be posted on our Murray Remote Learning Hub. The schedule will list days and times for each subject, including World Language, etc.

• **When will I know my child’s homeroom**
  o We are hosting a *Welcome to Remote Learning Day* on September 1st; session 1 is from 9:00AM to 12:45PM; session 2 (a repeat of session 1) is from 1:00PM – 3:45PM; a flyer will be emailed to parents with an introductory message from the home teacher on August 31, 2020;

• **Will Murray parent support meetings be recorded?**
  o Yes.

• **How will I know if I am eligible for the free Internet Program (Connect Chicago) access?**
  o CPS contacted eligible households through direct mail, emails, robocalls, and text messages over the summer.

• **Can parents request a chromebook?**
  o Yes, parents have the option to request a chromebook. Please click on this link to make a request.

• **Where can I find emails for administration and teachers?**
  o [https://murray.cps.edu/fs.html](https://murray.cps.edu/fs.html)

• **What is the CPS Parent Tech Support Hotline?**
  o 773-417-1060

**Upcoming dates**

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