Wednesday Weekly

9/2/2020

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

HHS Families,

Welcome to the first edition of the Wednesday Weekly this school year. Over the last week and a half, I've been very proud of our students and their compliance with our CoVID-19 safety measures! As I have walked through classrooms and visited with students and teachers, I can say with certainty that we're all glad to be back, so it is my hope that with consistent compliance with these safety protocols, we might avoid having to go "Red" and keep schools open for the long haul.

Students and teachers alike are successfully learning their way around the new instructional technology, and we have finally settled into the routine of daily classroom instruction in both traditional and virtual classrooms. We are still overcoming some problems, but the majority of our scheduling and technical issues have been resolved.

That being said, we have now reached the point in the semester where the expectation for all teachers and students is that they have become proficient enough with Chromebooks, Canvas, and Microsoft Teams to operate and participate in the virtual classroom setting. The excuse of "I couldn't figure it out" has expired for most technical issues such as inability to login or submit assignments. If students & families are still struggling with technical or virtual school issues, please email <u>hhsvirtual@knoxschools.org</u> for troubleshooting help.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to all of our families for your extraordinary patience, understanding, and kindness through such an unusual August. Opening school this year with so many changes has been a monumental task, placing great burdens on families and great stress on students & teachers. Despite all that, our school community has worked together and been very understanding through all of the challenges and frustrations. For that, I thank you.

Please see the announcements below, and as always, feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best regards, Mr. Long





FEMALE STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the female student athlete of the week Anna Jo Mullins! Anna Jo played all 80 minutes of both games last week and scored two goals in the win over Central!

MALE STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the male student athlete of the week Caden Stephens! Caden recorded 10 tackles, 2 tackles for loss in the win over Karns. He also had two defensive touchdowns that were called back due to penalties.



STUDENT CITIZENS OF THE WEEK

Caroline & Courtney received one of only ten Kellogg's "Rep My City" grants in the US. They requested funds to make beds and pillowcases for disadvantaged children in Knoxville. The girls said the experience was eye-opening and made them realize how fortunate they are. You can watch their winning grant video here: https://www.youtube.com/watc h?v=VaXb6IE7-co

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFTERNOON CAR RIDER PICK-UP

In the afternoons, many vehicles park along the main driveway in the lane facing toward Ledgerwood Road. This works well for student pickup as long as vehicles do not also park along the opposite curb facing Emory Road, blocking traffic. See the image below indicating where cars can park to wait on their car-rider (green) and where they cannot (red).



SCREENING YOUR STUDENTS FOR SYMPTOMS

Out of extra precaution related to CoVID-19, we ask that all families refrain from sending students to school who are not feeling well. We encourage you to self-screen your students with the following questions: Ask, have you within the last 14 days experienced any COVID-19 symptoms, which include:

- Fever/chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

We will continue daily temperature checks upon entry to the school for both students and staff

WHAT IF MY STUDENT IS PLACED ON QUARANTINE?

If your student is placed in quarantine as determined by the Knox County Health Department and KCS Health Services, he/she is not allowed to attend school in-person or participate in extracurricular activities. However, these students are still expected to participate in the school day through virtual instruction via Canvas while healthy.

When placed in quarantine, students/families should contact the student's teachers via email to notify how long the student will be out, and teachers will provide instructions to students for how they can access daily assignments and instructional resources. While learning in the virtual setting, students' attendance will be coded "Present- VL" for *daily* attendance, which is reported to the State. For *classroom* attendance, they will be marked absent due to teacher accountability tracking for state exams. This will not have a negative affect on student grades or incentives.

If students in quarantine test negative for CoVID-19 during the quarantine, the quarantine still remains in place.

Phone numbers

Knox County Health Department: 865-215-5555 Knox County Schools Health Services: 865-594-3735

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE & TEACHER CONFERENCES

We will not host an Open House before Fall Break due to CoVID-19 safety measures. If parents would like to have a conference with teachers, that can be arranged by communicating directly with the teacher, or by contacting the school office.

YEARBOOKS FROM LAST SCHOOL YEAR

We will be distributing yearbooks from school year 2019-20 today during lunches for in-person students. For graduates and virtual students, we will host a drive-through this afternoon from 4-5PM in the bus lane for yearbook distribution. If you are unable to receive yearbooks today, they can be picked up in the school office during the school day going forward. At this time, there are no extra yearbooks for sale.

FIRE & EMERGENCY DRILLS

Per state requirements, the school must conduct periodic fire and emergency drills. In the school building, these will be conducted as normal this year, just including our CoVID-19 safety measures. If a student is in the virtual classroom and their teacher is forced to

evacuate the building for a drill, the expectation will be that students take a 10 minute break and return to the activity that was interrupted after a span of 10 minutes.

STUDENT ACCESS TO EMAIL

Students can access their <u>s000000@student.knoxschools.org</u> email inbox by clicking the knoxschools.org in the Chrome web browser on their Chromebook. They should find the "knoxschools bookmarks" folder in the url address bar, then select "Webmail."

FOOTBALL TICKETS VS. CLINTON

https://www.knoxschools.org/site/default.aspx? PageType=3&DomainID=79&ModuleInstanceID=53323&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=111260&PageID=151

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