



## Principal's Message 12.11.2020

Parents,

As I have stated at the opening of school, this year is like no other. We are asking for grace and patience from teachers, students, administration and parents. KCS will be operating on red through next week. December 14<sup>th</sup>- December 18<sup>th</sup> school hours will be 7:45-2:45. Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> is a half day and school will dismiss at 11:15.

### Online Learning Instructions:

- Teachers will be communicating with families the types, dates and times of these methods of virtual learning.
- Virtual instruction will be through a variety of ways:
  - Synchronous (whole class through MS Teams)
  - Asynchronous (class assignments through Canvas and/or Seesaw)
  - Hybrid of synchronous/asynchronous
- For technical issues, I have attached a quick help guide which is located on our school's website. [knoxschools.org/westhillses](https://knoxschools.org/westhillses)
- Also, the parents can contact the KCS Technology Help desk if they have any questions or connectivity problems. I have included a link to the help page for parents.
- [If This Then That Tech Help](#)
- [KCS Connect Technical Help](#)

### PreK students:

- PreK students will not participate in the online learning program. PreK teachers will communicate with parents to provide banks of lesson plans, resources and supports for students/families to do during Red Days.

### Kindergarten Students:

- During the RED DAY virtual learning period, Kindergarten hours will be 7:45 - 12:15.
- Kindergarten will return to normal schedule, 7:45-2:45 when school returns to in person learning on 1/5/2021.

### 21st Century:

- All 21st Century and tutoring classes will virtual through Microsoft Teams
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century will be Monday, December 14 through Thursday, December 17th.
- Classes will begin at 2:45 and end at 4:45. 21st Century students should receive information through DoJo or email.

### Tutoring:

- Tutoring will be cancelled next week.

### Food Distribution Process:

- For food distribution, families will need to sign up if they wish to pick up meals. The form can be found at [www.knoxschools.org/mealsrequest](http://www.knoxschools.org/mealsrequest). Parents will need to sign up for next week, regardless if you have signed up in the past. We will have pickups on our regular virtual meal pickup schedule (Monday, 12/14 and Wednesday, 12/16).

Parents, again, thank you for your grace and patience during this time. Our goal is to ensure the safety of ALL students and staff. I know this is a huge undertaking, but again, I truly appreciate your support.