

Holly Area Schools Excellence in Action!

August 21, 2020

Dear Holly High School Families,

Welcome to the 2020 - 21 school year! While this year will be unlike anything we have experienced prior, I assure you that we will give our greatest effort each and every day. Together, we will make this an outstanding year by overcoming the challenges facing us.

The master schedule for classes will be significantly impacted by the safety measures implemented at the school this year. As you may have previously read in the <u>district FAQ document</u>, we made shifts in the schedule to allow for the necessary changes. From cohorting students, to shifting our building academic calendar to semesters, the changes required impact virtually the entire school day for students..

In order to minimize logistic disruptions when shifting from 100% virtual learning to the new inperson instructional model, we altered our course offerings and student selections. We are hopeful that the state continues to trend in a positive direction and we see a school roadmap phase change, which may allow us to eventually offer some of the eliminated courses.

As students begin the school year in the online setting, our first week of school will focus on building student/teacher connections, working through technology understanding and expectations, and familiarizing students with our new Schoology learning management system.

Following the Schoology introduction course in week one, staff and students will interact using a schedule that supports daily interactions for learning online. The schedule is predicated on academically engaging our students in daily synchronous (at the same time) and asynchronous (not happening at the same time) teaching and learning led by the high school teaching staff.

Students will have live access to each of their teachers **every day**. There is also dedicated time for teachers to pull students together in small groups for more personalized instruction and interaction during the week. On Wednesdays, staff and students will perform academic check-ins and participate in social emotional learning to support their diverse needs. Although daily courses for students are different, all students have a consistent start time of 10:00am, Monday thru Friday each week.

Please take time to read more details about the first week of school and the learning schedule linked below.

- Week 1: Using Schoology at Holly High School
- <u>100% Virtual Learning Schedule</u>

Information related to student schedules, learning expectations, and specific details on our plans for the first days of school will come next week. Please continue to check your emails and voicemails for important updates from our Superintendent, Mr. Roper, as well as information from Holly High School.

I hope you enjoy the time remaining in summer break and look forward to our journey together this school year.

Thank you,

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