

July 22, 2020

Dear Myers Park Families:

As we endure and navigate unprecedented, difficult, inconvenient and ever-changing times due to COVID-19, we are committed and will strive to create the best possible educational plan for students. As principal of Myers Park High School, I wanted to welcome you and your student to our school. I want you to know that for the remainder of the pandemic and within my purview, I will make decisions from the lens of what is safest for students and staff. Within that, we have developed protocols that govern safety and wellbeing of staff and students, PPE, technology, instructional integrity, and a student advisory program.

With the CMS Board of Education approved Plan B plus virtual learning instructional model, students will be assigned to school attendance Rotation A, B, or C. For the first two weeks of school, students will attend school for live instruction/orientation following the schedule: Rotation A 8/17-8/19, Rotation B 8/20-8/25, Rotation C 8/26-8/28. Rotations that are “off” or “home” during these weeks will attend their classes virtually at the regularly scheduled time. Attendance will be taken, for virtual and live attendance. This model of instruction is referred to as synchronous. Work, meetings, instruction, and assignments that are assigned or delivered outside of a student’s schedule, are referred to asynchronous. While the ratio of synchronous to asynchronous may vary depending on the nature of the course, all classes will have elements of both. After the first two weeks of school, our instructional model will convert to virtual instruction for the foreseeable future. The CDC, Charlotte- Mecklenburg School senior executive staff and the BOE will assess advances and progress made versus the pandemic and adjust the instructional delivery model when appropriate.

Students that choose the Remote Academy (virtual learning only) will be enrolled in the same classes and the same teachers within our master schedule as their Plan B plus virtual peers. They will not report to school during the 2-week orientation and will start attending their classes

remotely on August 17 in accordance to our bell schedule. Remote Academy students have made a commitment to virtual learning only without the option of returning to live instruction for at least one semester (A/B day students will be for the year). Students who enroll in the Remote Academy will be assigned to Rotation D and will have “700” course codes displayed on their schedule.

Regardless of rotations, all students will be served through our online learning management system – Canvas. It is imperative that students know how to access content, coursework, assessment, instruction and feedback through this system. Any questions about logging into Canvas can be addressed by your classroom teachers or our tech facilitator Meg Bombien (margaretm.bombien@cms.k12.nc.us). Directions are also available on our website.

While calendars and student work are facilitated in Canvas, all grades and attendance are managed in PowerSchool. Parents can log in both Canvas and PowerSchool to help students manage course load and monitor student progress. Links and directions for logging in to these systems are available on our website and click on the Stay Connected webpage.

Our first day of school will be Monday, August 17. Announcements will start at 7:15 AM and we will dismiss at 1:45 PM. Students and staff will be expected to observe CDC COVID-19 safety protocols including wearing facemasks and PPE, social distancing, frequent hand washing/sanitizing, and symptom(s) screening. A list of safety expectations and a copy of student instructional and behavioral expectations is available on our website and is in the student planner on CANVAS. In order to be familiar with the rules and procedures at Myers Park High School as it relates to PPE, student IDs, attendance, parking, homework, dress code, use of electronic devices, etc., please take some time to review these expectations with your student. <https://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/myersparkHS/Pages/Honor-Code,-Dress-and-Cell-Policies.aspx>

For rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders and new students, we will offer an Open Campus virtual experience on August 13 from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM. More information will be shared via social media within the next few weeks.

Enclosed with this letter is your student's schedule and transportation card. As stated previously, students will have a Rotation A, B, C or D Remote Academy "700" course code listed on schedule. Because of enrollment, we have hired additional staff and we are adding them to the master schedule after we have run the attached schedules. As a result, teacher names may change on schedules before the first day of school. If your student's schedule needs to be adjusted, please see our website for the schedule change request process.

<https://sites.google.com/cms.k12.nc.us/mphsstudentservices/home>

CMS strives to keep families informed about key education issues within the district. For up-to-date information on district initiatives, visit the CMS Web site at [www.cms.k12.nc.us](http://www.cms.k12.nc.us). You can also follow the district on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/CharlotteMecklenburgSchools](http://www.facebook.com/CharlotteMecklenburgSchools)) or Twitter (@CharMeckSchools). For up-to-date school information, you can follow us on: Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram and even watch our daily morning show. For reminders and emergency communication we will use the BlackBoard Connect phone and email system, and the Punch Alert Application. Please follow or click on the link below to connect to MP.

<https://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/myersparkHS/Pages/Stay-Connected-to-MP.aspx>

If you have any questions/concerns during the school year, I encourage you to stay in touch with your student's teachers and/or with me. Remember to access PowerSchool in order to keep up with your student's progress. Working together, I know we can make this a great year at Myers Park High School and I look forward to partnering with you this year.

Sincerely,



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