



“A School Where Dreams Come True!”

August 5th, 2020

Horizon Families,

It's really hard to believe that August is upon us! To start off, we thank you for your patience while our team works to provide the best opportunity for learning this fall. In the information below please click on any of the blue links to learn more details and updates along the way.

Throughout the past few weeks our team has been working diligently to prepare our academic structure for grades K-12. Simply put, COVID-19 has brought overwhelming uncertainty and constant change. Just in the past few weeks alone we've had to change our start date two times, alter internal plans/schedules, invest in new operational resources, engage in ever-changing conversations with local leaders, and try to adjust our physical environment to create a safe academic setting for our students and staff. With all that said, you may have also heard that [Lorain City Schools released their plan for the 20-21 school year](#). Their plan states that they will use a digital learning option for grades K-12 for at least the first quarter in response to the [possible spread of the COVID-19 among children](#).

As we have previously shared our primary goal is to work with each of our families, provide a high quality education, and yet, keep safety and the health of our entire school community at the forefront. Therefore, we believe the best way to support that goal is to provide an instructional practice that is completely online (5 days a week) for the first quarter with a re-evaluation for the 2nd quarter.

We know that while many of you read this information it will bring mixed emotions. We also realize this is not the ideal return to school many of us were hoping for. As we move forward, we will strive to return to normalcy in the near future and will continue to monitor and evaluate all our options for the remainder of the school year. However, please rest assured we are going to work tirelessly to meet the needs of our school community. We have an amazing group of teachers, administrators, and support staff that are willing to help at a moment's notice and are actively engaged in professional development, online forums, and collaboration efforts to literally "reimagine" education at HSA.

Below are a few reminders, updates, and a few of our online learning expectations for the 20-21 school year:

- School will be held remotely for the first quarter and will be reevaluated as we receive updates from the state and local authorities.
- First day of school and remote learning for all K-12 students is Tuesday, September 8th.
- First quarter is Tuesday, September 8th - Friday, October 16th.
- Updated 20-21 academic calendar will be shared soon.
- A plan for student computer distribution and internet/wifi resources will be communicated in the coming days.
- We will utilize two online platforms for K-12 ([K-2 Seesaw](#) & [Google Classroom for 3-12](#)) to help simplify the learning process for our families.
- Online training and professional development will be provided to help support our families- more information coming soon.
- Meals will be provided to our families throughout the first quarter through our partnership with Aramark- more details to come soon.
- Chromebooks will be provided to each student.
- More information will be coming soon for families about our remote learning expectations.

In closing, we will do our best to keep you updated as we continue to put the finishing touches on our remote learning plan. While we realize this situation is not ideal for many of our families and we have many challenges ahead, just know this, we will be with you every step of the way and WILL overcome these challenges!

Sincerely,

HSA Admin Team