



Pontiac Academy for Excellence

Secondary Division-August 20, 2020

Welcome Back to Pontiac Academy for Excellence Secondary Division (grades 6-12). If you are new to our PAE community, thank you for choosing us. If you are returning, thank you for your dedication and loyalty. We are a school that takes pride in who we are and what we do. We have navigated through a difficult and unprecedented period with a worldwide pandemic, Covid 19. Thus far, we are making great strides! As we approach our 2020-2021 school year, many preparations are in place. We listened to your voices and put the safety of everyone at the front of our decision-making. We will open our school year providing VIRTUAL EDUCATION (Google Classrooms, Zoom, Edgenuity, etc). I am sure that you are not experts in this virtual learning yet but we are here to assist you and provide continuous training to enhance your understanding. We urge you to work with your student/s to ensure that they are participating everyday with their screens open and showing their faces. Teachers can better teach students when they are fully engaged in the lesson. Our teachers will be working hard to ensure that your student/s learn at their maximum level. We need your support to make this happen. We are ready and looking forward to seeing all of our students!!

Students will no longer pass without putting in the work and attendance taking will be mandatory per the new Governors rules. Our virtual learning will be a bit more structured as we have learned from our March-July experiences. Parents, you have done a great job thus far in working through this pandemic while your student/s were learning online. This is a partnership and together we will be successful!! If you still need a Chromebook, please reach out to me personally (dehart-jonest@pontiacacademy.org). Your student/s will begin on Monday, August 31, 2020. You will be able to pick up your student/s schedule next Friday, August 28, 2020 in the High School Lobby. Middle School hours are from 9:00-

12:00 and High School from 12:30-3:30. You can also access their schedules via MiStar.

More information will follow concerning those students that participated in our Kaplan courses. Our SAT and PSAT preparation/foundation classes will continue as virtual to prepare our students for their October tests.

Orientations for our 6th grade and 9th grade students have been scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2020. They will be via Zoom (grade 6 at 10:00 a.m. & grade 9 at 11:30 a.m.). Please look for the Zoom invitation.

Our next Virtual Parent Coffee Morning has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m. A Zoom invitation will be sent out soon so get your coffee ready!

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!!! WELCOME BACK!!

Dr. Jones, Secondary Principal

“The mission of Pontiac Academy for Excellence is to provide students and families a safe, nurturing, and challenging educational experience that will foster the strength of character necessary to succeed in career and life.”