



Pontiac Academy for Excellence

Secondary Division-September 21, 2020

Thank you parents for your efforts in working with your students. I know the start of this year has been quite different from any other year. Actually, America looks a little different. As we navigate through this year, parents, know that we are here for you. We will continue to offer workshops to enhance technology skills. Please note the following Virtual Parent Workshop:

Thursday, September 24, 2020 @ 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.

Topics

- 1. Technology Assistance***
 - a. GSuite (gmail, etc.)***
 - b. Google Classroom***
 - c. Zoom***
- 2. NWEA Virtual Testing***

A specific schedule for NWEA Testing will be posted on our website soon. NWEA testing for our Special Education Students will begin next week. It will be important for your student/s to get plenty of rest and eat well before testing each day. Remember, these tests will give us baseline information to know exactly where your student/s are educationally and gaps to be closed. So, please remind them to do their very best.

SAT testing for our 12th grade students will take place at Oakland University on November 7, 2020 or December 5, 2020. Ms. Berry and Ms. Thomas will meet with Seniors to assist them in registering for the test. Each student should already have a waiver to take care of registration fees. PSAT tests will be scheduled in January. More information will follow about PSAT tests. Kaplan preparation and foundation classes are being rescheduled virtually. Your students will receive information soon regarding new dates and times.

Parents, please continue 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.

Count Day is just around the corner, October 7, 2020. This is an important day for all schools. School Funding is allocated on the number of students present on this day. We want to get as many resources as possible this school year. Attendance will be taken during each class. Extra credit/bonus points will be given to all students attending on this day. We may have some “give away” items as well. Stay tuned!

Our next Secondary Virtual Parent Coffee Morning is scheduled for October 23, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m. Please join us. If you have topics to discuss, please send me an email: dehart-jonest@pontiacacademy.org

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/7234988741?pwd=VEF4NXRRReGYvNWVnUkZwTldJMmxPQT09>

Meeting ID: 723 498 8741

Passcode: 3VTz7V

Parent/Teacher Conferences are approaching as well, October 5-9. More information is coming on how to schedule your conferences with teachers.

Just a reminder, students will no longer pass without putting in the work and attending all classes. Teachers are here for students with whole group teaching Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays as well as small groups/individual on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We were having a few glitches with attendance in our MiStar system. You may have received calls that your students/s were absent yet, they were present. Please be patient as we work through these glitches. Thank you

Many of you have asked about chromebooks and extra ones for your students. They have been on order for a while now and we are waiting for a delivery date. As you know, most other schools have orders waiting as well. We are hoping to receive them next month. As soon as the chromebooks arrive, we will notify you.

Secondary Curriculum Night has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2020 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.



TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!!! PARENTS, YOU ARE APPRECIATED!!

Dr. Jones, Secondary Principal

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