

Ignite School Soft Opening

Dear Ignite Family:

Welcome to the start of the 2020 – 20201 School Year. Many parents have been asking about how the start of the school year will run in regards to distance learning and the blended model. The information below will describe what parents and students can expect from week to week during the month of September.

| Week | Classroom Learning | Distance Learning | Homework |
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| Aug. 30 – Sept. 3 A B A B A | <p>Students will be introduced to classroom procedures and new social distancing norms.</p> <p>Teachers will spend time teaching the students on how to log into Google Classroom and other online applications. Teachers will help students install applications on their devices.</p> <p>Teachers will be using this time to have the students take benchmark assessments so that a beginning level can be assigned to the students.</p> | <p>There will be no distance learning during the first week of school. Our goal is for the students to become familiar with the process of how-to login and use the applications.</p> <p>Parents will receive their login information for ALMA as well as the student's login for Google Classroom.</p> <p>Teachers will schedule a zoom or google meet meeting with those parents who have chosen 100 percent online learning.</p> | <p>There will be no homework for week 1. Teachers and Grade levels will be deciding on what books need to be sent home and which ones stay at school. According to the new KHDA regulations, papers cannot go back and forth. So, what is sent home will stay home.</p> <p>Each grade level will decide on how best to utilize grade level resources and then communicate that with the families.</p> |
| Sept. 6 – Sept. 10 B A B A B | <p>Students will continue in their understanding and practice of classroom and school wide routines and procedures.</p> <p>Teachers will continue with having the students practice on how to use each of the online applications.</p> | <p>Distance Learning will begin with the teachers posting very simple exercises for the students to complete. This is to ensure that the students and parents are comfortable logging in, accessing, completing and posting an assignment.</p> | <p>Homework will begin for students during Week 2. Teachers will be communicating to parents and students via Google Classroom what homework assignments need to be completed each day.</p> |

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| | <p>Teachers will start having the students use the applications during class. This will include completing and posting work.</p> <p>Teachers and students will start to use the classroom video camera. Teachers will explain to the students the expectations of teaching and learning during the live sessions.</p> <p>Beginning of the Year Grade Level Assessments will continue so students can be appropriately placed in the applications. These assessments will also be used for students as they set their academic goals for Term 1</p> <p>Students should be preparing to use school wide applications</p> | <p>There will be no live lessons for Week 2. Live lessons will begin in Week 3</p> <p>Classroom teachers will schedule a meeting with all parents who are doing 100% online learning.</p> <p>Classroom teachers will schedule an entire classroom zoom or google meets meeting for all parents to review the first two weeks of school.</p> | <p>More information about the school's homework policy will be sent out from each the building level principals.</p> |
| <p>Sept. 13 – Sept. 17 A B A B A</p> | <p>Live Lessons will start in each classroom. Students will be able to access each live lesson via their Google Classrooms for each teacher.</p> <p>Teachers will begin a full day teaching schedule where we shift from practicing routines and procedures to focusing on the teaching and learning.</p> <p>School wide applications should be used.</p> | <p>Live lessons will begin. Students will be able to follow their daily schedule with the exception of PE/Gym Class, as some of those lesson may be outside where there are not cameras.</p> <p>Lessons and Classwork will be posted or can be completed as the students are participating in the class.</p> <p>Students will be able to watch the live lesson or watch it later in the day as they will be uploaded to google classroom when the lesson ends. Students</p> | <p>Homework will be assigned according to what the classroom teachers are teaching on a daily basis.</p> <p>Students will need to come on campus for Major Exams and MAP Testing. More information will be provided on this process.</p> <p>Students at home will be completing and submitting work daily.</p> <p>Students will also be setting goals and selecting work to that shows the student is working toward his/her goals.</p> |

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| | | <p>will not be able to actively engage/participate. This is the final step in the soft opening process and will begin in Week 4.</p> <p>Classroom teachers will schedule a meeting with all parents who are doing 100% online learning.</p> <p>Classroom teachers will schedule an entire classroom zoom or google meets meeting for all parents to review to introduce the live learning lessons.</p> | |
| <p>Sept. 20 – Sept. 24 B A B A B</p> | <p>The school day for our students will focus on teaching and learning.</p> <p>Full lessons will be taught with students completing daily classrooms assignments and assessments.</p> <p>Student MAP Testing will begin</p> | <p>Live lessons will begin with student participating by turning the microphone on and off.</p> <p>Students will be able to follow their daily schedule with the exception of PE/Gym Class, as some of those lesson may be outside where there are not cameras.</p> <p>Lessons and Classwork will be posted or can be completed as the students are participating in the class.</p> <p>Classroom teachers will schedule a meeting with all parents who are doing 100% online learning.</p> <p>Classroom teachers will schedule an entire classroom zoom or google meets meeting for all parents to review to introduce the live learning lessons.</p> | <p>Homework will be assigned according to what the classroom teachers are teaching on a daily basis.</p> <p>Students at home will be completing and submitting work daily.</p> <p>Students will also be setting goals and selecting work to that shows the student is working toward his/her goals.</p> |

The goal of the Soft Opening is to allow for everyone to grow and learn together, whether they are at home or in the classroom. You will be receiving more information from your building level principals and classroom teachers later on this week.

If you wish to contact your building level administrator directly, you can reach them at the following email addresses:

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We appreciate your patience as we navigate this new learning world that we live in. We know that if we all take it step by step and do it together, we will not only get through it but we will make it better than we could have ever imagined.

Thank you for a great start to the school year.

Educationally,

Mr. Scott Poloff
Director
Ignite School