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THS Students & Parents,

Once again, I would like to thank all of you for an outstanding start to the 2020-2021 school year! We have achieved a great deal in the past 4 months and I am looking forward to seeing even more outstanding accomplishments before the school year ends.

With that said, there has been an uptick in COVID-19 cases amongst members in our community and school district. With multiple quarantine issues ongoing, we have elected to move to remote learning beginning on Tuesday, December 15. Teachers reemphasized our remote learning guidelines over the past few school days and addressed any questions that students may have.

As referenced in an earlier letter that was sent home before Thanksgiving, our schedule and requirements will be different from last year. This year, teachers will be available during a scheduled time Monday-Thursday (See Below) and they will also have office hours each afternoon and on Fridays in which students can set up individual times for any help or clarification that they may need. Just as last year, we will be using Google Classroom as our platform for remote learning. All lessons, assignments, and information from each class will be posted on the teacher's Google Classroom page. The scheduled times at the bottom of the page will be more for any questions that students may have concerning the lessons that are posted on each teacher's Google Classroom page. Depending on the nature of the class, some teachers may post all of their assignments by Sunday evening, while other teachers may post the lessons each day. For instance, a math class may post daily lessons so that each lesson builds upon the previous lesson while a History class may post all lessons for the week at once so that students can complete all assignments as a unit.

In order to track attendance, teachers will post 4 attendance tracking activities each week. This could be a homework assignment, an assessment, or an activity such as watching a video. Once students have completed that activity, they will be marked as being present for that class. If the activity is not completed, they will be marked as absent. Those hours will be tracked and students will still be subject to attendance rules based on requirements set forth by the Ohio Department of Education. With respect for individual family dynamics and situations, we have tried to make the schedule as flexible as possible so that students can complete their activities at times that work for them. With that being said, all weekly assignments will be due by 11:59 PM on Sunday each week. If students turn an assignment in on Monday of the following week, they would receive 75% credit. If they turn it in on Tuesday of the following week, they would receive 50% credit. If assignments are not turned in by 11:59 PM on the following Tuesday, students will not receive credit for their work.

Also, to help with attendance tracking purposes, if a student would happen to be ill and could not complete their work, parents/guardians are expected to call the high school office to report them absent. Please call the high school office as you would if we were in a normal face-to-face instruction setting. The phone number for the high school office is 419-497-2621.

High School Remote Learning Schedule

****All teachers will be available Monday - Thursday at these times and by appointment Monday-Thursday afternoon and all day on Friday.**

***All sessions will take place on Zoom. Session links will be located on each teacher's Google Classroom page.**

1st Period - 8:30 - 8:50

2nd Period - 8:55 - 9:15

3rd Period - 9:20 - 9:40

4th Period - 9:45 - 10:05

5th Period - 10:10 - 10:30

6th Period - 10:35 - 10:55

7th Period - 11:00 - 11:20

8th Period - 11:25 - 11:45

9th Period - 11:50 - 12:10

****Intervention/Tutoring Times - 1:00 - 3:20 (Please contact teachers via email to set up an appointment.)**

****Intervention/Tutoring times can also be scheduled from 7:50 - 3:20 on Fridays.**

Student Responsibilities

- 1) Check your email often (Multiple times throughout the day)! The best way to communicate with myself or your teachers during this time will be your Tinora email account. Please try to check it multiple times throughout the day. We (myself and teachers) will be checking our email often. Please don't be afraid to ask questions when you have them. You are not a burden to us and we will do our best to help work you through any problem that you may encounter.
- 2) Check Google Classroom every day! Teachers will be posting lessons and assignments to their Google Classroom pages throughout the week. Most, if not all of their lessons and content, will be found on their individual pages. If you are having issues with something, please email your teachers so that you can set up a Zoom meeting to address the issue.
- 3) Participate in Zoom meetings as often as possible. Teachers will be available in 20 minute time blocks on Monday-Thursday to help you with any questions that you may have. There will either be a Zoom link sent to your email or there will be a Zoom link on their Google Classroom page for each session. If you have questions outside of those designated times, email them and get an afternoon or Friday appointment scheduled for additional instruction.
- 4) Complete all assignments in a timely manner.
- 5) If you have any issues with your Chromebook and it needs a repair, please send an email to techsupport@tinora.org. They will respond to you and get a plan in place to get your device fixed.

Once again, I really appreciate all of the tremendous efforts of our students and staff throughout the beginning of this school year! So many achievements and accomplishments have taken place over the past few months. We are extraordinarily proud to be a Ram! As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the high school office at 419-497-2621. Have a blessed and safe holiday season! #GoRams #TinoraTogether

Yours in Education,

Eric Tipton, Tinora High School Principal