**Grades 9-12 Fully Remote Parent Letter**

Dear Students and Families of our High School Remote Learning Program,

You are receiving this letter because you have elected to maximize your safety during this turbulent time caused by the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and have chosen to do all your learning through fully remote methods. In the high school this is going to take on a very interesting look for our remote learning students. For the most part, you will be participating in the regular “classroom” activities with your regular classroom teachers for all your normal courses. On the day that your class is scheduled to receive *In Person* lessons at school, you will be participating in your classes through some virtual manner of instruction.

For some of you, that may simply be logging in to your regular class and participating remotely while your classmates are in the classroom. In this instance, your teacher is planning on streaming the lesson of that class so that you will be a part of the lesson. That will be arranged by your classroom teacher, so you will need to make contact with them to ensure that your remote session is all set up with them.

For others of you, we will be your remote teacher and work with you on assignments supplied by your regular course teacher or designed by us as a substitute for the activities that are taking place with the in-person classes.

Your classroom teachers are working with us to ensure that you will be prepared to return to school without a hitch should we get through the pandemic and be allowed to return to normal classroom and educational settings. Your grade is entirely determined by your course work for your regular class teacher. We, your remote learning teachers, are acting as resources for you to use on the day that your cohort is attending school, but you will be attending remotely.

Your remote teachers are:

**Colin Burton** ([cburton@brunswickcsd.org](mailto:cburton@brunswickcsd.org)) for Social Studies.

**Amanda Gelina** ([agelina@brunswickcsd.org](mailto:agelina@brunswickcsd.org)) for Math

**Lisa Michaels** ([lmichaels@brunswickcsd.org](mailto:lmichaels@brunswickcsd.org)) for English Language Arts

**Timothy Mulpeter** ([tmulpeter@brunswickcsd.org](mailto:tmulpeter@brunswickcsd.org)) for Special Education (Grades 6-10)

**Ryanne Phillips** ([rphillips@brunswickcsd.org](mailto:rphillips@brunswickcsd.org)) for Special Education (Grades 11-12)

**Andy Welkley** ([awelkley@brunswickcsd.org](mailto:awelkley@brunswickcsd.org)) for Science

**Jennifer Heim** ([jheim@brunswickcsd.org](mailto:jheim@brunswickcsd.org) ) for HS Health

\*\*Students receiving resource room will be contacted directly by their Case Manager.

The remainder of this introduction letter is a note from each of us to you letting you know our expectations and initial schedules. We look forward to meeting with you online and helping you move forward with your education in a safe and secure manner,

All the best from your **Remote Learning Team**

Hello!

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are ready for a great school year! My name is Colin Burton, and I will be your child’s Social Studies teacher for remote instruction. For those of you who do not know me, I also teach US History and Economics here at Tamarac.

This year will be unlike any other we have experienced and will present its own challenges. However, the unique structure of remote learning also presents many opportunities for us to learn and explore various topics in the Social Studies curriculum.

**Meeting Times**

Our meeting times will be built around the hybrid model being used in the school. For the two days that your child’s classmates are remote, your child will push into their regular teacher’s Google Classroom. On the day that your child’s classmates are physically in the building for instruction, your child will meet with me via Google Meet.

As an example, if your child is in 9th grade taking Global History 9, they will meet with Mrs. Bishop on Red & Blue days because their peers will also be remote. The meeting time will be based on what is in your child’s schedule. On White days, your child will meet with me as their peers are physically in the building. The meeting times for this class are as follows:

* White Days
  + Global 9 - 9:45 AM - 10:05 AM
  + Global 10 - 10:07 AM - 10:27 AM
* Blue Days
  + US History - 9:45 AM - 10:05 AM
  + Economics & Government - 10:07 AM - 10:27 AM
* **All meetings will be through Google Classroom with some Google Meets scheduled.**

**Class Structure**

All of our meetings and assignments will be on Google Classroom. Google Meet links will be posted in Google Classroom, so it is imperative that your child check their email and Google Classroom on a regular basis. I have set up Google Classrooms for each subject and have sent an email to your child requesting they join the class.

**Rules & Expectations**

Although the format is slightly different, the rules and expectations I have remain the same for both hybrid and remote learners. I expect all students to:

* Be respectful of everyone in the class
* Attend all Google Meets (I will be taking attendance as it is required by New York State Ed)
* Actively participate in group discussions
* Do their work in a timely manner
* Communicate with me if there are any questions or concerns

Please feel free to email me ([cburton@brunswickcsd.org](mailto:cburton@brunswickcsd.org)) if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

Colin Burton

Social Studies Teacher

Tamarac High School

Hello!

My name is Amanda Gelina, and I will be your child’s Mathematics teacher for remote instruction. I also teach Algebra, Geometry, and Pre-Geometry here at Tamarac. I will be working closely with all of the other math teachers to get you all of the materials your child will need to complete your math course successfully!

**Meeting Times**

The meeting times for this class will be throughout 9th period (1:26-2:11).

* **Students may not be required to be in attendance for the entire period (more information will be provided).**
* **Students may be asked by their regular teacher to attend another livestream google meets (during another specific period) for instruction in that particular course.**

**Class Structure**

All of our meetings and assignments will be on Google Classroom. Google Meet links will be posted in Google Classroom, so it is imperative that your child check their email and Google Classroom on a regular basis. I have set up Google Classrooms for each subject and have sent an email to your child requesting they join the class. There may be other websites that will be used to help practice and assess what students have learned. Sign on information for these will be given when needed. Most of the math courses will require a graphing calculator. If you do not have a graphing calculator, there is a chrome extension that can be added to school chromebooks. Instructions for adding this extension will be given in regular math courses.

**Rules & Expectations**

Although the format is slightly different, the rules and expectations I have remain the same for both hybrid and remote learners. I expect all students to:

* Be respectful of everyone in the class
* Attend all Google Meets (I will be taking attendance as it is required by New York State Ed)
* Actively participate in group discussions
* Do their work in a timely manner
* Communicate with me if there are any questions or concerns

Please feel free to email me [agelina@brunswickcsd.org](mailto:agelina@brunswickcsd.org) if you have any questions! I look forward to working with your child this year!

Sincerely,

Amanda Gelina

Mathematics Teacher

Tamarac High School

Hey there,

This is your “Phrendlee Hevy Phyzx T-chrr”, better known as Andy Welkley. I will be working with you on your science classes through this time of remote learning. I will be cooperating closely with your regular course teacher (for instance if you are in 9th grade and taking Biology, I will be working with Ms. McManus and Ms. Parker. If you are in 11th grade taking chemistry, I will be working with Dr. Shepherd) to provide you with help with your regular course work for them.

**Meeting Times**

The meeting times for this class will be during 6th period as follows:

* **Students may be asked by their regular teacher to attend another livestream google meet (during your class’s regularly scheduled class time) for instruction in that particular course. If your have class during 6th period, we will find a mutually agreeable time to check in during the day.**
* **On WHITE cohort in school day (9th and 10th grade are in school):**
  + **Biology from 11:15 - 11:25 - check in and check up on your work with me.**
  + **Earth Science from 11:25 - 11:35 - check in and check up on your work with me.**
  + **Science Electives (APES, Adv. Biology, Forensics, Topics in Science, Science Fiction) from 11:35 - 11:55 - check in and check up on your work with me.**
* **On BLUE cohort in school day (11th and 12th grade are in school):**
  + **Chemistry from 11:15 - 11:25**
  + **Physics from 11:25 - 11:35 (if you didn’t already participate in the day’s class with me)**
  + **Science Electives - 11:35 - 11:55**

**Class Structure**

I will use a Google Meet invitation through the Remote Science Learning Google Classroom page that I have set up. You will be receiving an email from me with a link to that Google Classroom. Please check that page to see what is expected from me and your regular course teacher for your remote learning component for your science classes.

**Rules & Expectations**

I have the same rules for our sessions as all my colleagues. Please be on time and respectful during our check in sessions.

Please feel free to email me (awelkley@brunswickcsd.org) if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

Andy Welkley

Physics and General Science Teacher

Tamarac High School

Greetings!

My name is Ms. Michaels and I will be your child’s English teacher for remote instruction. This is my first year teaching at Tamarac, 10th grade English, however I bring 18 years of experience in ELA and Literacy as well as 6 years of teaching online courses for Empire State College. I am super excited to be able to get to know and work with students at every grade level!

**Meeting Times**

Our remote meeting times are built around the hybrid model adopted by the Brunswick CSD. For the two days your child’s classmates are remote, your daughter / son will join their regular teacher’s Google Classroom. However, on the day that your child’s classmates are physically present in the building for face-to-face instruction, he / she will meet with me via Google Meet.

As an example, if your son / daughter is taking 9th grade English, they will meet with Mr. Jaques on days that all students will be receiving instruction remotely. The meeting time will be based on your child’s individual schedule. On White days, (the days that students are on campus for instruction), your learner will meet with me virtually via a Google Meet. The meeting times are as follows:

**White Days**

* English 9 - 8th period 12:42 - 1:02
* English 10 - 8th period 1:03 - 1:23

**Blue Days**

* English 11 - 8th period 12:42 - 1:02
* English 12- 8th period 1:03 - 1:23
* **Please note that students may be required to be in attendance for the entire period (more information will be provided in advance of these specific times).**
* **Students may be asked by their regular teacher to attend another livestream Google Meet (during another specified period) for instruction in that particular course.**

**Course Expectations and Online Learning Behaviors**

Although the format is slightly different, the expectations and student / teacher interactions I have remain the same for both hybrid and remote learners. I expect all students to:

* Be respectful of everyone in the class
* Attend all Google Meets (I will be taking attendance as it is required by New York State Ed)
* Actively participate in group discussions
* Complete home and in-class assignments in a timely manner
* Communicate with me if there are any questions or concerns

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns as we move through the first 10 weeks ([lmichaels@brunswickcsd.org](mailto:lmichaels@brunswickcsd.org)). I highly value parent partnerships and believe that we can all play an integral role in your child’s academic success!

Sincerely,

Lisa R. Michaels

English Teacher

Tamarac High School

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Hi! My name is Jennifer Heim, and I will be the remote teacher for Health Class. I also teach 7th grade health and high school physical education. I will be working with Mrs. Fitzgerald to make sure you have all the information and resources necessary to complete your health class successfully. I am looking forward to the experience and am always available if you have any questions!

**Meeting Times:**

Our meeting times will be built around the hybrid model being used in the school. On **Red** days when the entire class is remote, your child will push into their regular teacher’s Google Classroom. On the other two days (white and blue) when the class is being held in the building for instruction, your child will meet with me via Google Meet.

**White Days -** 10th graders taking health will meet with me from **10:45 - 11:10am**

**Blue Days -** 11th and 12th graders taking health will meet with me from **10:45 - 11:10am**

* If your student needs to live stream another class/subject during this time, students must **email** me and let me know. This is important for attendance purposes and so I can make sure your child has all the information they need for health class. In some circumstances, we may need to find a separate time to meet, depending on what is assigned.

**Class Structure:**

I will use a Google Meet invitation through the Remote Learning Health Classroom that I have set up. Your child will be receiving an email from me with a link to join the Google Classroom. Please remember to check Mrs. Fitzgeralds google classroom daily as well!

**Class Expectations:**

The expectations for this class are the same as listed above in other classes and in all google meets. Please make sure your student is joining the google meet during the assigned time, unless they are live streaming another class.

Please feel free to reach out at any time with any questions or concerns you may have at [jheim@brunswickcsd.org](mailto:jheim@brunswickcsd.org).

Jennifer Heim

Health and Physical Education