



October 1, 2020

Dear Viking F-A-M-I-L-Y (Students, Parents & Staffuly):

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we wrap up the last 2 weeks of quarter 1, phase 1 remote learning. Hopefully, you've found our online delivery a marked improvement over the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2020. We will begin quarter 2, phase 3, A/B groups on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> with 2 transition days for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders when the 6<sup>th</sup> grade A group attends on Monday and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade B group attends on Tuesday. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have 2 final days of synchronous learning on Monday and Tuesday and will begin on campus in phase 3, A/B groups Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> with our 6<sup>th</sup> graders. We've created the attached phase 3, A/B group, Monday – Thursday, periods 1 – 5, bell schedule and blue-blue-gold-gold day calendar for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. The bell schedule continues to honor the whole child through 6-7 courses per grade level and like quarter 1, phase 1 remote learning we will not offer period 6 Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) quarter 2, phase 3 in favor of more focused time in periods 1 – 5. **Students at home on their 2 designated remote learning days per week will still be expected to check in synchronously via Google Meets with all of their classes and in-person peers on Monday/Wednesday (group A), or Tuesday/Thursday (group B).** Fridays will remain the same in quarter 2, phase 3 with asynchronous work assigned via teacher learning pages and Google Classroom. Teachers will also continue holding office hours on Fridays and bringing small groups of students on campus as needed for extra help, clubs, activities, etc. which PSD began allowing us to do on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**During the 2 remote learning days per week in quarter 2, phase 3, A/B, you can expect:**

- ✓ Students will join their class' Google Meets at the beginning of each of their classes.
- ✓ Teachers will direct how much of the class period remote students remain synchronously learning with their in-person peers. The amount of time will vary depending on the grade level, subject area, and daily lesson plan. For example, in one class, students may check in for 5 – 10 minutes for attendance, daily learning target, and clarification on tasks to complete in Google Classroom. They may then be released to complete their work asynchronously. The teacher will answer questions and clarify misconceptions on the following day when students are learning in-person. In another class, students may remain on the Google Meets call after the check-in for a synchronous teacher-directed lesson of 30 – 45 minutes as our in-person class periods are now 88 minutes long.
- ✓ Teachers will determine each class' schedule daily and direct students as necessary. Students may also be expected to check back in before the period ends to ensure preparation for the next day's lesson.
- ✓ Teachers will be mindful of total screen time and students' mental health by providing brain breaks and small group/individual check-ins regularly. Recognize that our quarter 1, phase 1, synchronous online time was 8:30am – 12pm, while our quarter 2, phase 3, A/B in-person time is now 8am – 2:55pm with ½ of our students on campus and the other ½ at home.



Lastly, we have about 50 more students across our 720-student enrollment in group B (Tuesday/Thursday). **So, we are looking for 25 families to move to group A (Monday/Wednesday).** If switching from B to A works for your family please email Asst. Principal Warren Morrow at [wmorrow@psdschools.org](mailto:wmorrow@psdschools.org) who is managing our lists.

Thank you again for your partnership through this difficult time. We will email follow up information detailing Lesher’s COVID safety precautions and daily pick up and drop off procedures over the next 2 weeks prior to go time Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

***Here’s this week’s THORSday Updates...***

- ✓ Congrats to our Planner Powerball winners the last 2 weeks. **Check out the attached Planner Powerball Collage!**
- ✓ **Please see the attached Health Office news items.**
- ✓ **Thank you to all who participated in Lesher’s Car/Bike Parade and watched our Virtual Back-to-School Night WeVideos!**



And that’s What’s Important Now = W.I.N.!

Shine on,

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