July 31, 2020

Dear Warrior Families,

I hope everyone is safe and healthy. As communicated by the District, we will begin this school year August 17th in a full virtual format. The North Cobb staff returned this week and are diligently working to prepare a supportive, virtual learning experience to challenge students to reach their greatest potential. Additional information about what this will look like for students was released this week on the [**Cobb Learning Everywhere**](https://www.cobblearningeverywhere.com/prek-12-overview/) web site. Listed under high school, you can access the schedule for our traditional four-block day. Also, the [**FAQ**](https://www.cobblearningeverywhere.com/faqs/)provides additional information.

Remote learning this fall will differ greatly from the March 13th through May 23rd experience, so please begin these conversations with your student(s). It is imperative that our Warriors attend the daily virtual sessions in order to meet the academic expectations for each class. Through the support of our parents and the quality instruction provided by our Warrior teachers, our students will be successful as we work through this remote learning experience together. The collective commitment from our students, teachers, and parents will support our vision, “*Warrior Nation*: *Inspiring Excellence*”.

Here are a few points that you might have a question about:

* **All teachers will be using CTLS Learn as their instructional platform.**

CTLS Learn will replace Edmodo, Canvas, Schoology, and Teams – just to name a few. Students will log into CTLS Student and see all their classes in one place. Teachers will continue to use a variety of different apps and programs as instructional strategies, but CTLS Learn will be the place to go to find calendars, assignments, submit work, access digital textbooks, and more.

Since this is going to be such an important part of our remote learning plan, we have focused our three weeks of preplanning to give teachers time to implement the CTLS Learn system as well as the most effective digital learning strategies. Here is a link to some additional information about the [**Cobb Teaching and Learning System (CTLS)**](http://cobbctls.com/).

* **All students will interact live with their teachers and classmates each day.**

Students are required to be “in class” on time every day. Attendance will be taken, and teachers will use the 70 minutes of class time to work through the day’s prepared lesson. This may include an explanation of an assignment, live instruction (these can be recorded for later viewing), question and answer session, class activity, or individualized support.

* **We will be following a four-day week remote schedule.**

Classes will be meeting on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. **Wednesdays** will be used as an Instructional Support Day (SPEAR). This will provide students independent time to complete assignments as well as allow teachers the opportunity to work with individual and small groups of students to meet their instructional needs. This will serve as a replacement for our designated SPEAR time that we have each day.

Additionally, we will have advisement every Wednesday from 8:00 AM – 8:20 AM. Students are expected to attend advisement. Our teachers and counselors will use this time to share important information and announcements.

* **Students will be held accountable for their academic performance.**

It is essential for our Warrior students to participate daily in order to have authentic learning and meet our accountability expectations. Teachers will provide each student with a syllabus during the first week of instruction explaining course pacing guides, grading policy/expectations, supplies list, etc. Students need to adhere to all deadlines and be prepared for both formative and summative assessments.

* **All teachers will be available for additional help and tutoring.**

Each teacher will communicate his or her specific office hours and tutoring times in the syllabus.

* **Digital Learning Plans will be created for students who receive special services.**

Students who receive special education, ELL, or other services will continue to receive these services. Special education teachers received training on digital learning plans this week. Case managers will be communicating with families regarding this process.

* **Counselors will continue to offer services to all students.**

Our counselors will continue to be available to all students for academic as well as social and emotional supports. We encourage our parents to contact their assigned counselor if they observe their child experiencing any problems academically or emotionally. We will continue to have parent presentations and provide support for our seniors as they prepare for the college application process. Please look for separate correspondence from our Counselors regarding remote services. Visit the [**Counseling**](https://northcobbcounseling.weebly.com/)web site for additional information.

* **School issued devices will be distributed on campus August 11 and 12.**

To request a device for remote learning, please email our counseling clerk, Megan Bell at [megan.bell@cobbk12.org](mailto:megan.bell@cobbk12.org). Specific information will come later.

* **We anticipate North Cobb still being a host site for ACT/SAT.**

We are waiting on safety guidelines to adjust our normal process and ensure we can offer testing in a safe environment. We will share availability and test dates as soon as possible.

* **August 14: Warrior Welcome (9th) and Warrior Reunited (10th-12th).**

This will be a virtual event. More information to come later.

As we draw closer to the beginning of this school year, we will continue to share important information with our Warrior families and students as it becomes available. Enjoy the last few weeks of your summer break, and we look forward to the start of a great year with our Warrior students and families.

Thanks,

Mr. Moody

Principal

North Cobb High School