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Dear Paxon Hollow Families:

We are less than a week away from a very unique start of the school year. We want to provide you with information to help you navigate through the first couple of weeks of school. There is a lot going on around the District: students are picking up their laptops, completing summer reading, learning Schoology, along with getting accustomed to the virtual format. Below you will find our first day of school schedule, as well as the virtual schedule. All students will begin school by attending an extended homeroom period on September 8th. Homeroom teachers will email a Zoom link to students in their homeroom on Wednesday, September 2nd, by 4:00 pm. We ask that all students login using the ZOOM link from their homeroom teacher, on September 8th, by 7:55 am. Please reach out to your child's guidance counselor if you do not receive a Zoom link through email. The email will go to the email address you have listed in Infinite Campus. During homeroom, students will learn how to open their Schoology account and access their Zoom class links for each of their classes.

SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2020 - VIRTUAL SCHEDULE				
We will follow "A" Day Schedule				
Period	Time	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
HR	8:00 - 9:30	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom
1	9:35 - 9:50	1st Basic	1st Basic	1st Basic
2	9:55 - 10:10	2nd Cycle	2nd Basic	2nd Basic
3	10:15 - 10:30	3rd Cycle	3rd Basic	3rd Basic
4	10:35 - 10:50	4th Basic	4th Cycle	4th Basic
5	10:55 - 11:10	5th Basic	5th Cycle	6th Basic
6	11:15 - 11:30	6th Basic	7th Basic	7th Cycle
7	11:35 - 11:50	8th Basic	8th Basic	8th Cycle
8	11:55 - 12:10	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom

Students will be dismissed at 12:10 pm on Tuesday, September 8th. We will pick up with the regular virtual schedule beginning September 14th, which will be an "A" day.

Important Dates:

August 24 - September 4: Laptop Distribution

September 8: First Student Day of School (**Schedule on front page**)

September 9-11: Asynchronous learning for all to learn Schoology - shared by homeroom teachers

September 14: Synchronous instruction begins

September 15: Back to School Night – All Grades @ 6:55 pm

The schedule below is the daily schedule for synchronous instruction from 7:55 – 12:00. The afternoon office hours will mirror the morning schedule by period. Teachers will be available during their office hours in the afternoon to assist with the morning lesson and answer students questions through their Zoom link.

Please note that student attendance will be taken each period during the morning synchronous learning. Students will need to check into their homeroom through a question on Schoology by 11:00am. **We advise all students to check into homeroom prior to their first period so they don't forget once their school day begins.** An automated "All Call" for student absence will begin at 12:00pm for students who have not checked into homeroom.

PHMS Virtual Schedule			
TIME	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
7:55 - 8:00	Homeroom Check In		
8:00 - 8:30	1st Basic	1st Basic	1st Basic
8:35 - 9:05	2nd Cycle	2nd Basic	2nd Basic
9:10 - 9:40	3rd Cycle	3rd Basic	3rd Basic
9:45 - 10:15	4th Basic	4th Cycle	4th Basic
10:20 - 10:50	5th Basic	5th Cycle	6th Basic
10:55 - 11:25	6th Basic	7th Basic	7th Cycle
11:30 - 12:00	8th Basic	8th Basic	8th Cycle
12:00 - 12:30	LUNCH for all Students and Staff		
12:30 - 3:10	Tutorial, speech, other services, help class, and meetings. Students will be assigned asynchronous activities.		

PHMS Virtual Schedule - Afternoons			
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday			
TIME	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
12:30 - 1:10	Office Hours Period 1	Office Hours Period 1	Office Hours Period 1
1:10 - 1:50	Office Hours Periods 2 & 3	Office Hours Periods 2 & 3	Office Hours Periods 2 & 3
1:50 - 2:30	Office Hours Periods 4 & 5	Office Hours Periods 4 & 5	Office Hours Periods 4 & 6
2:30 - 3:10	Office Hours Periods 6 & 8	Office Hours Periods 7 & 8	Office Hours Periods 7 & 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no afternoon help class on Wednesday afternoons. Wednesdays are designated for Building Level Meetings from 12:30 - 3:15. • Students and parents can make an appointment to meet with a teacher any day of the week outside of regular office hours pending teacher availability. • Teachers will respond to emails within 24 hours of receiving them Monday - Friday. 			

Zoom Etiquette and Expectations:

Recommendations for Successful Zooming

- Log into Zoom link 5 minutes before your session – teachers need to take attendance - this will help you start on time
- Create a space in your home as a designated school workspace - Have paper, pen, books, and materials available
- Choose to sit in a place with a blank wall or other neutral background with your camera on - limit distractions
- Make sure your display name in Zoom is your full name First and Last, like it is in Infinite Campus
- Be sure to be dressed appropriately and have your face in the frame
- Keep your mic muted- you can unmute or hold down your space bar to talk when you need to
- Behavior while in the Zoom session should mirror the expectations of in-person classroom behavior

Our PHMS Expectations:

- This will not be like the spring; we are back to business
- Students will be learning new material
- Teachers and students will follow due dates for assignments
- Grades will count
- Students must ask for help when they need it
 - Ask a teacher, counselor, case manager, assistant principal, friend, family member

Books and Materials Distribution

Students will have the opportunity to pick up their books and any other materials that they will need for their classes starting with the 6th grade class on September 16th and following the schedule below. Each grade will follow the time schedule below by last name for their scheduled day.

Pick Up Days

September 16th – 6th Grade

September 17th – 7th Grade

September 18th – 8th Grade

Times to Pick Up

12:45 pm: A - I

1:45 pm: J - R

2:45 pm: S - Z

PLEASE NOTE: Any household with students in multiple grades can pick up the bags for all their students on one day. **Example** ~ if you have a 6th grade student and an 8th grade student you can choose either the 6th grade day or 8th grade day.

Email reminders will be sent out in the Peek of the Week on Sunday evenings beginning September 6th. Please contact the Paxon Hollow Main Office if you do not receive the Peek of the Week.

PEEC REFUNDS FROM 2019-2020 Trip

Last, the PEEC trip has officially been canceled due to COVID -19. We are currently working on getting a refund back from PEEC and the bus companies that service the trip. More information regarding the refund and how to retrieve it will be available in the next few weeks of school.

Tiger Pride!
T.J. Gretchen
Principal