March 30, 2020

Dear Ranger Family,

Today marks the grand opening of "Clements Online High School." We will treat the first four days of this week as if we were opening a brand new physical campus. Our immediate goals are to connect with students on the human level (not curriculum), learn where everything is located (online tools: Schoology folders, conferencing tools, resources, etc.), practice with the online tools, and measure the level of this week's student engagement. Your child will receive a message from her/his teachers today in Schoology. Many teachers have already been in touch with their students since spring break. Please require your child to engage in the activities their teachers post. That engagement will provide important information to the teachers, to me, and to FBISD.

Students do not have to log in at a specific time to complete the reconnection activities mentioned above. However, they should check Schoology daily. English and math teachers will post activities for each day. Science, social studies, and electives teachers will post activities for three days a week. Your child's teachers will send details in their Schoology courses. I will send you a schedule for content-based learning and additional related information later this week. Teachers will not assign content-based learning activities until Friday the 3rd at the earliest.

I suggest that you help your child build a daily schedule. That schedule should include set times for school work, independent reading, time to participate in web-based conferences (not starting until Friday the 3rd at the earliest), healthy meals, exercise, some safe outdoor activities, and family time. The Clements counseling team will be reaching out to you soon with additional advice for dealing with the current crisis.

The Clements teachers are eager to begin interacting with your child in our new online setting. Please have patience as we start this endeavor – patience with your child as she/he adjusts to a new routine and patience with teachers as they have never taught in an online environment.

Reminders

- You can follow Clements on Twitter <u>@CHS_Rangers</u>
- You can follow me on Twitter <u>@dyaffie</u>
- Stay current with College Board updates here.
- The FBISD "At-home Learning" page is found <u>here</u>.
- The FBISD COVID-19 update page is found here.
- Information regarding Term 3 incomplete grades is coming soon.
- The CHS Prom is scheduled for May 23 (fingers crossed).
- The Texas DPS has waived the Verification of Enrollment (VOE) form requirement for now due to COVID-19. Click <u>here</u> for details. Check The DPS website for operating hours.
- The campus remains closed to students and parents. Teachers, counselors, administrators, and other staff members are not available for face-to-face meetings until further notice. Staff members will reply to emails as usual.
- A special phone line is active and ready to handle community phone calls. Please call 281-634-0043 with questions. Of course, you can always contact me or my staff. I am reachable via email at <u>dyaffie@fortbendisd.com</u>.

Please adhere to the Fort Bend County "stay-at-home" directive. Observe very conservative physical distancing. Each person's actions affect the health of your family, our community, and our nation. I hope that you and your family stay safe and healthy.

Best regards,

David Yaffie