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Dear IEYMS Families,

It's amazing to see that the beginning of the year arrived so quickly. For some of us, it could not have come soon enough. So many students have communicated with our staff regarding their excitement about the start of school. Even though we are starting online, students will have the opportunity to reconnect with friends that they may not have seen since March. **The first day of online school is Monday, September 14, 2020.** We will spend the first few days acclimating students to online learning, helping them organize for the year, and supporting them as they continue to transition back to school. By now, many students have already joined their teachers Google Classrooms. Please make sure that your child has accepted the invitation to join each of their classes.

If you have not already, we encourage every family to sign up for Home Access. This allows you to receive important updates regarding your child's attendance and grades. If you do not have an active email on file, you will not receive important information from the school through school messenger and email. Google email is free and is easy to set up an account. In addition, if you do not have an email on file, and you have email, please contact Mrs. Petrellese at 914-576-4632 to add this information to your child's contact information.

### **Schedules**

Schedules were mailed home on August 28. Schedule adjustments during the beginning of school are a normal part of middle school opening. Normally, we would provide each student with a new schedule on the first day of school. Although school staff attempted to communicate schedule changes to families, staff may have inadvertently missed a student. Please check Home Access before Monday to ensure that your child is attending the correct classes. If on Monday, the teacher tells your child he or she is in the wrong class, please contact the school at 914-576-4360, 576-4379, 576-4345 or 576-4362 to receive a corrected schedule.

### **Online Expectations**

As we begin online school, it is important that students and families follow the expectations for online learning. Here are a few expectations that will make online learning a little easier for all.

1. Students must attend class every day with cameras on. Please notify me if there are extenuating circumstances that impacts your child's ability to turn on the camera.
2. Students must be dressed in appropriate school clothing. Relaxed is great, but clothing must be appropriate for others to see.

3. Students must behave and follow the online classroom expectations established by the teacher.
4. Students should work in quiet areas with limited distractions and noise.
5. Family members should not sit in the Google classroom with the student. Parents and guardians may contact teachers if they would like a telephone conference or virtual meeting.
6. Attendance will be taken at the start of every period. Students must attend class on time.

**Absent Notification**

Children must attend virtual class every day. We understand during this time, attendance may be compromised for some students due to illness and family emergencies. We ask that you contact the Attendance Office at 914-576-4362 as soon as you become aware of your child’s absence from virtual school. If your child will miss a class or part of the day (early dismissal) due to a medical appointment or excusable reason, we ask that you contact the school. You may also email us at [ieymsattendance@nredlearn.org](mailto:ieymsattendance@nredlearn.org). Please upload any documentation that you may have regarding your child’s absence from school. We recommend that you also notify the teacher.

**Clinical Team and School Counselors Support**

Starting Wednesday, September 16, Monday-Friday from 8:20-3:16, students who need support can access a clinician or school counselor in the Let’s Link Google Classroom. This is a safe space for students who need to connect with an adult and seek help. Students can join the Google Classroom using course code **fem54d6**. Once in the room, click Meet Link at the top of the page. This is not a place for counseling. It is a place for students who may need to check in, ask questions, or just take a breath to connect. Students may also email their school counselor at first initial, last name at [nredlearn.org](mailto:nredlearn.org).

<b>Time</b>	<b>Support Staff</b>	<b>Title</b>
8:20-9:18	Ms. Coley	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
9:21-10:09	Mrs. Rhett	School Counselor
10:12-11:00	Ms. Greene/Mrs. Smith	School Counselor
11:03-11:51	Mrs. Rodriguez	School Counselor
11:54-12:42	Dr. Billups	Licensed Psychologist
12:45-1:33	Mrs. Gabr	School Counselor
1:36-2:24	Ms. Villalona	School Psychologist
2:27-3:16	Mrs. Littlejohn	School Social Worker

**Back to School Night**

Back to school night has been postponed. We want to give teachers the opportunity to settle into their online learning routines. We will notify you as soon as possible with the new date. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions or concerns.

**Family and Consumer Science**

Mr. Licitra, our Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, is proudly serving our country. He will be out for two weeks. During this time, his replacement will be Ms. Scott.

Best wishes for a wonderful school year!

Tawanda Robinson, Ed. D.

Principal