

Edmore Public School

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Greetings Parents & Guardians:

As each of you are aware, the Edmore school district will be embarking on an alternative education delivery model. Staff has been busy planning and laying the groundwork for this model and we are ready to roll it out on Monday, March 23rd at 8:15 a.m. We believe it is important to begin educating our students as soon as possible. Today staff will be contacting the students to make sure they are able to hook up to a web-based classroom platform called "Zoom". The teachers and students will "test drive" this platform and discuss details for Monday's schedule. The Zoom sessions will be by grade level as follows: 11/12-Mrs. Newgard, 9-Mr. Rivera, 10-Mrs. Henry, 8-Ms. Ganyo, and 6/7-Ms. Olson at 1:00 p.m. The high school staff will also be emailing their students and speaking to them about Edmodo, where lessons and homework will be uploaded.

On Monday at 8:15 a.m. staff and students will meet via Zoom classroom and begin the day's activities. We realize that there will be glitches that will occur and need to be worked out. We ask that parents call the school when computer issues arise so we may address them immediately.

High school staff and students will follow the daily schedule with 1st period class beginning at 8:15 a.m. Students will be required to be in attendance via Zoom each period and remain logged into Zoom for the entire period to account for "seat time" so they may receive credit for the course. The instructor will be logged into Zoom for the entire period and will be available during set times during the day for collaboration. A revamped HS matrix will be emailed out to every student. We ask that all students 6-12 utilize their K12 email account for all email correspondence with instructors and the principal. Homework, assessments, and grades will continue for the 4th quarter.

Elementary staff will meet each morning with their class via Zoom and provide guidance regarding the daily academic packets that need to be completed. Your child's teacher will then be available to contact individually through Zoom if your child has questions or needs guidance. At the end of the day the teacher will then meet with the entire class via Zoom to wrap up the day's activity and also discuss what will occur the next day.

This is a new and untested delivery model for K12 education therefore staff and administration will collaborate each day at 3:30 pm to make adjustments as necessary. It is our highest priority that parents/guardians realize the importance of making sure your child is engaged in his/her academic activities. This needs to occur each day to ensure that grades and credit are awarded to your child and grade promotion will occur. If a child needs to be absent, or becomes ill, please call the school and we will have to plan a makeup session.

Next week school will run Monday through Thursday from 8:15 am to 3:00 pm. The early out scheduled on Thursday has been cancelled, but student-led conferences will occur via Zoom starting at 4 pm Thursday. There will be no school on Friday, March 27, 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call.

Frank Schill, Superintendent Diane Martinson, Principal

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