

AN IMPORTANT NOTE for Parents and Students

A CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS

While our Spartans are away from campus, we reaffirm our commitment to provide innovative, rigorous curriculum and instructional support via an online Flexible Distance Learning Plan (FDLP). STPA teachers and staff seize this opportunity to maintain our traditional supportive environment for our students while helping them develop into independent learners who continue to gain understanding of the content and skills necessary to earn credit for each course.

HERE WE GO...

Moving all Preparatory Academy's courses into a FDLP is a major undertaking—there might be some minor setbacks as we roll out the plan. However, we are committed to working hard to make this transition as seamless as possible. We ask for your understanding and patience as we work together, continuing to provide quality education. On Tuesday, March 24, we will kick off our FDLP.

PREPARATORY ACADEMY TO THE RESCUE

Curriculum will be delivered through a learning platform (Blackboard, Google Classroom, Edmodo, etc.) selected by the teacher. While away from campus, students are asked to complete tasks for all courses on their regular schedule, including electives, as a form of making positive progress towards class requirements. As our custom, we encourage students and parents to seek teacher support through the online platforms or email during teachers' office hours. Infinite Campus will remain as the "open gradebook," informing students and parents of course progress.

WHEN IN DOUBT, REACHOUT

Each teacher will email students concerning their method(s) of communication and the academic platform(s) they will utilize. Be sure to check your email consistently. Everyone is encouraged to continue to seek support from their teachers through the online platforms or email during teachers' office hours as needed.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

All teachers will communicate with students by the end of the day on Monday through an email with specific instructions in order to begin lessons on Tuesday, March 24.

| Time | Department Office Hours |
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| 9:00am – 10:00am | Math |
| 10:00am – 11:00am | Science |
| 11:00am – 12:00pm | Social Studies |
| 12:00pm – 1:00pm | ELA and Reading |
| 1:00pm – 2:00pm | Electives |
| 2:00pm – 3:00pm | Special Education Programs Case Managers |
| 3:00pm – 4:00pm | Technology Support |

Students who indicated having technology needs on the survey administered recently will receive a phone call on Monday with further information to ensure needs are met.

For tech support call 956-514-4277 or 956-514-4285

<http://stpa.stisd.net/techsupport>

STAY TUNED

For communication purposes, campus administration will utilize Infinite Campus Portal, emails, phone calls, school website, Remind, and social media.

STAY SAFE, SPARTANS!

