Committed Distance Learning Update 8.10.20

Happy Monday, Committed Distance Learning families!

As discussed in my introduction, I will be sending communication every Monday and Thursday to the entire Olentangy Committed Distance Learning community. From the outpour of responses I have received, I can tell everyone is excited and engaged with the united goal of ensuring students' success in this program!

If you have a Kindergartener in Committed Distance Learning, they will follow the Olentangy Kindergarten schedule. Kindergarteners with last names beginning in A - K will attend school Monday/Thursday/alternating Wednesday, and Kindergarteners with last names beginning in L - Z will attend school Tuesday/Friday/alternating Wednesday. Please reference the Kindergarten schedule on Olentangy Schools' <u>district website</u>.

We are actively placing students in classes, which will be available when PowerSchool opens August 24th. Academic Counselors will be contacting Middle School and High School students to discuss schedule requests and conflicts.

We know that technology resources and expectations are top of mind for Committed Distance Learning families. Olentangy Schools offers a <u>recommended device</u> resource for parents, and our technology team is creating a series of parent videos that will address common issues and recommendations. I will share more on this topic in my Thursday update.

Reminder, if you are requesting a Chromebook, <u>the form</u> will remain open until the end of today, Monday, August 10th. Please be sure to fill out the form for each individual Chromebook you are requesting. Distribution process details are forthcoming.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates:

- August 24th: PowerSchool Opens with teacher and class assignments
- August 27th: Virtual Open House
- August 31st: First Day of Classes

There are still many remaining questions. As we lead up to the start of school, I will use these updates for weekly reminders and sharing key information as it comes available. While I want to respond to each inquiry personally, at this moment I must allocate my time to working with the academic team on planning the curriculum, structure and class assignments for the semester.

If you no longer wish for your child to be in the Committed Distance Learning model, please complete the <u>Removal Request</u> form by Wednesday, August 12th remove your child from this semester-long learning alternative.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to formulate this exciting new option, and watch for my next update on Thursday, August 13th.

Warm Regards,

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