

Middle School North
Return to Excellence
REMOTE
2020-2021

Parents / Guardians:

We are off to a great start for the 2020-2021 school year. What an exciting week we had across our district! Wednesday was a day that I had circled on my calendar for the last few months. I could not wait for the return of our students and staff both in person and virtually. Being able to build relationships and continue the learning process in whatever way is best for each family is exciting.

Remote classes will go more smoothly as students learn more about teacher expectations and as factors outside of our control improve. We experienced many obstacles with technology on the first three days, and it was frustrating to our students, parents, and staff.

Please understand that when things out of our control happen teachers will adjust assignments and expectations as the need arises. When there are technology issues that our district can help with, we encourage your student to use the link to submit a help desk ticket. Please remember that sometimes there are things like when Google was down on the first day of school that our district cannot help to fix and we must all remain patient in situations like these.

Thank you for your partnership, and we look forward to working with you throughout the remainder of the year.

Here are just a few reminders that will help us as we enter our first full week:

- Students must login to all core classes at specific times, and attendance is taken and will be counted as part of their 90% attendance requirement.
- Students must get directions from electives as to how attendance and instruction will be taken. Some electives are synchronous and will require students to login at specific times. All electives will require a daily login and activity of some kind.
- If students miss a day due to illness or appointments, they will still be required to submit an absence note for remote absences. These notes can be scanned and emailed to svasquez@bhisd.net and must include the following:
 - Date of the note
 - Name of the student
 - Date of the absence
 - Specific reason for the absence
 - Parent's signature

- Responsibility of assignments and materials is yours as a family. If teachers have materials or assignments that they email and you are not able to print, we will print them and make them available in the foyer in a bucket.
- Zoom will be utilized for instruction in most classes. Please keep in mind the following:
 - Students need to attend zoom meetings for teachers to check for understanding of the content, receive initial delivery of instruction, receive extra support, and have interaction with teachers and students.
 - Students must be sitting at a study station in a chair with no distractions. This includes animals, toys, games, television, etc.
 - Students need to be dressed appropriately.
 - Students need to participate and treat all participants respectfully.
 - Students need to show their face and name on the zoom.
 - Students are encouraged to use earphones.
 - Parents are **not allowed** to participate visually or verbally in zoom meetings. Contact the teacher via email or phone if you have questions. Parents and students need to be committed to the remote classes being structured like the traditional school setting for educational success. We want to be able to encourage new learning that progresses students to the next level and also close any gaps along the way.

Once again, I want to say THANK YOU to our parents / guardians for the role that you play in our success. We are better together, and look forward to a great year. If we can assist in any way please, contact us. We hope to see many of your faces back during the second grading period. We Can We Will...We're Barbers Hill!

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