Welcome Back Edison Students and Families:

We are very excited to welcome our students and families back to learning next week. Although we will spend the first nine weeks of our school year in distance learning, I want you to know that the Edison team will be here to support your student in his or her learning journey. I know that you likely have many questions about the upcoming school year, and I hope that this message will help you prepare for a strong start to the year ahead.

Your student’s distance learning experience will include a combination of real-time instruction using Zoom, self-directed learning, activities accessed through Canvas, and opportunities for college- and career-readiness activities. Distance-learning does not mean that your child will sit in front of a computer screen all day. At Edison, our instructional day, even in distance learning, will begin at 8:30 AM and end at 4:11 PM. While our distance learning program is designed to be flexible, based on the needs of each family, it is essential that your student attends his or her live classes as much as possible. Not only do live classes give your child a chance to ask questions and participate in discussions in real-time, but these are also opportunities for students to stay connected with their peers. Below are suggested strategies, that can help parents and students to get the most out of distance learning:

- **Set a Schedule and stick to it** – It is important to develop good habits from the start. Create a routine and talk about how it’s working overtime. Keep normal bedtime routines, including normal rules for digital devices.
- **Choose a good place to learn** – Your family’s regular learning space for occasional homework might not work for extended periods. Set up a physical location that’s dedicated to school-focused activities. Make sure it is quiet, free from distractions and has a good internet connection.
- **Know and review class expectations** – Go over each syllabus with your student. Set some expectations of your own as well. When will they do homework? When is bedtime?
- **Monitor progress in PowerSchool** - Make sure to monitor your students’ progress in distance learning, regularly. Grades will be updated weekly.
- **Stay in touch** – Our teachers will be communicating regularly through our online platforms and virtual learning environments. Stay in contact with classroom teachers, counsellors, and school leaders.

Next Week is our “Back to School Week”. Student “bundle distribution” is beginning today and will run through next Wednesday. This is where students will pick up the resources they will need during distance learning. I have attached a letter about Bundle Pick-Up. I have also attached a Back to School Week Calendar. Next Monday through Wednesday, we will be doing our “Virtual Forums”. Students will hear from our administrators and support staff that are here to support them this year. The Virtual Forums are videos that students can access through their CANVAS accounts. The links to the videos will be in the HOME PAGE of their ADVISORY period, in CANVAS. Next Monday through Wednesday, students need to:

1. Pick-up resources at bundle pickup day
2. Make sure your Chromebook works and can connect to the internet
   a. Having Tech Problems? Call 833-TECH or Email: studentVL@tulsaschools.org
3. Watch all video links loaded in the HOME PAGE of their ADVISORY course in CANVAS

Our 1st full day of school will be Thursday, September 3rd. On Thursday, all students will attend live zoom classes with their period 1, 3, 5, and 7 teachers. Students will have an assignment or activity to complete on their own during periods 2, 4, and 6. On Friday, September 4th, students will have live zoom sessions in periods 2, 4 and 6, while completing an assignment or activity on their own in periods 1, 3, 5, and 7.

You can find general information about distance learning in our district at [www.tulsaschools.org/distancelearning](http://www.tulsaschools.org/distancelearning). If you have any questions regarding your students classes or schedule, please feel free to reach out to one for the following people:

- **David Holden** Grade 6 and Grade 7 last name A – K Counselor heldeda@tulsaschools.org
- **Dr. Julie Longjohn** Grade 7 last name L – Z and Grade 8 Counselor longju@tulsaschools.org
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We look forward to having a productive and rewarding year.

Always,

Clay Vinyard, Principal