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# Committed Distance Learning Update

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Happy Thursday, Committed Distance Learning families!

School begins next week! Students in grades 1st - 12th and Kindergarten Group B begin class on September 1st, and Kindergarten Group A will begin on September 2nd. With the school year beginning, and students working directly with teachers, I will adjust my weekly email updates to Fridays. This allows us to celebrate the wins from the week, and prepare for the next week ahead!

We are excited to share a cohesive document with an overview of the Committed Distance Learning program. I have attached the document below, and it will be added to our Committed Distance Learning page on [Olentangy's district website](#). This is a great reference on what to expect for the fall semester.

## **POWERSCHOOL**

I know several parents had questions regarding PowerSchool, and we are continuing to update PowerSchool information each day. When parents log in to view student schedules and teacher assignments, the navigation is slightly different than where you would normally look. For elementary students, parents should click the "Reports" section to view the assigned teacher. For middle and high school schedules, parents must go click on "Grades" to see student class information.

Electives will be scheduled during and after the first week of school through academic counselors.

## **ATTENDANCE**

At the elementary level, attendance will be taken each morning during morning meetings or during the first synchronous learning activity for the day.

At the secondary level, attendance will be taken each period of the day when a live (synchronous) learning opportunity is taking place.

In all grade levels, if a student is not present at a live experience, the student can demonstrate that they are not absent by completing the assigned work within that day.

[Committed Distance Learning Attendance Form](#)

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

School supply lists for Committed Distance Learning students are now available. Each student's supply list is kept within a \$10.00 budget. Supply lists for all grades can be found here:

[Committed Distance Learning Supply List](#)

## **TECHNOLOGY**

Our technology team has put together instructional videos for Olentangy Schools online resources. While we are continuing to add to these video libraries, we want to begin sharing these valuable online resources with you, and hope they are an asset to our Committed Distance Learning community.

[Parent Technology Guide](#)

[Student Technology Guide](#)

## **YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

As a partner, stakeholder, and incredible asset to the success of the Committed Distance Learning program, I truly value your questions, suggestions and concerns. As we spearhead this new program together, we are in uncharted territory, and I want to answer all of your concerns as quickly and thoroughly as possible. Because my focus must be on developing and expanding the Committed Distance Learning program, I have created a Question & Answer working document to answer the many questions my team and I are receiving. This document is attached at the bottom of the email, and will also be posted to [Olentangy's district website](#).

I am continuing to compile your questions, and will update and answer them on this document (and highlight new information as it is added). We are hopeful that this document will serve the greater community, since if one parent has a question, many are likely wondering the same. I ask that you please check this document before emailing your questions, as it will be the quickest and most effective way to receive answers.

#### **KEY DATES**

- September 1: First Day of Classes for Grades 1-12, Kindergarten Group B
- September 2: First Day of Classes for Kindergarten Group A
- September 9: Virtual High School Curriculum Night
- September 10: Virtual Elementary Curriculum Night (grades K-2)
- September 16: Virtual Middle School Curriculum Night
- September 17: Virtual Elementary Curriculum Night (grades 3-5)

We hope our elementary students enjoy meeting their teachers at this evenings' Elementary Virtual Open Houses. I will send my weekly parent update on Friday next week and celebrate our teachers, students and dedicated parents navigating the first week of Committed Distance Learning!

Warm Regards,

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