

Tulsa Virtual Academy family update – 11/16/2020

Happy Monday, Tulsa Virtual Academy!

I hope that the second quarter of the school year is off to a great start for your family! As I am participating in Zooms with our students, I am constantly impressed by and proud of the resilience that they are showing during this time. Many students are showing a high level of maturity, self-motivation, and self-advocacy as they learn to navigate through virtual learning.

As a parent of a virtual student myself, and also as your school leader, it is important to me to encourage you to make sure your student gets the opportunity to engage socially (and safely!) with other students. Engagement with peers that is not related to schoolwork is just as important in their development. Encourage your child to stay connected with their friends by talking on the phone, having Zoom meet-ups, and even dropping off small treats or hand-written notes on their friends' porches.

Updates for students in grades 6th through 12th:

- I want to remind families how important it is that students participate in their advisory classes. Every student has an advisory class that meets via Zoom each Monday and consistent attendance is very important. **Your student's advisory teacher can help your student stay on track by answering questions they have and supporting them with managing their virtual learning schedule.** The goal of advisory classes is to help your student be successful, and I encourage them to attend advisory every week. Information and Zoom links for your student's advisory class can be found in the teacher's Canvas course.
- Because we know that advisory classes are so important to our students, we have been making changes to add extra advisory teachers. This will make advisory classes a smaller and more personal environment for students to engage and ask questions. As a result, some students may have a new advisory teacher. **If your student has a new advisory teacher, the new teacher will be reaching out to them via email.** Parents or guardians can also login to PowerSchool to check for any updates to students' teachers.
- Students in 11th and 12th grades who are enrolled in AP courses should have received an email from our new partner, EdOptions, with an invitation to login to their Edmentum courses. This email was sent to students' email addresses. Many students have not completed the necessary steps in this email to connect to EdOptions, so the email was sent out again to parents and guardians. **Please make sure that your child opens this email and follows the instructions to join their EdOptions class. This will connect your student with the new teacher for their AP class and will provide them with more direct support from a content teacher.** After your student joins their EdOptions class, they will begin receiving follow-up emails from their teacher.
- Tulsa Public Schools is holding its **7th Annual Beyond High School College and Career Fair on Wednesday, Nov. 18.** The event will be held virtually and students will participate in timeslots assigned based on their home schools. Check www.tulsaschools.org/beyond to view the schedule and to register to participate!

Have a wonderful week and learn lots!

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