November 19, 2020

Dear Delta Community,

We are approaching the end of Trimester 1 on Monday, 11/30. We know this has been a challenging time for all of our students, families, and staff, but we are also proud of what has been accomplished by so many during this first trimester. With less than two weeks left we encourage our students to finish this first term strong (grades count!) and move into Trimester 2 with some positive momentum.

- Wednesday, 11/25, is an "early release" for the holiday.
 - Students should continue utilizing the morning for asynchronous time that day but there will be no office hours as teachers are off for the Thanksgiving holiday at 11:30 am.
- Monday, 11/30, is the final day of Trimester 1.
 - We will have a modified schedule for the day with all classes meeting for shortened periods. See schedule below:

Monday, November 30 th	
11:45-12:45 PM	OFFICE HOURS
1:20-1:50 PM	A BLOCK
1:55-2:15	B BLOCK
2:20-2:40	C BLOCK
2:45-3:05	D BLOCK
3:10-3:30	E BLOCK

- Tuesday, 12/1: Trimester Break day, NO SCHOOL.
- Thursday, 12/3: Trimester 2 Begins! Trimester 2 schedules will be available on PowerSchool likely no later than Wednesday, 11/25. For schedule errors (not for "requests" for placement with friends, etc.) please complete this form: https://tinyurl.com/deltaT2schedules2020
- > In-Person vs. Virtual Learning

The Benton-Franklin Health District (BFHD) issued new guidance on November 18th, stating that school districts in both counties must "pause" their planned transition to blended learning. This means we will be continuing in our current distance learning schedule at this time. In addition, Governor Inslee issued new restrictions across our state on November 15th. For more information on current health guidance, please visit: https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/programs_services/investigations__outbreaks/c_o_v_i_d-19

When we are permitted to move to blended learning with some in-person instruction for all students, we anticipate students will attend 2 days per week to allow for social distancing within the classroom. The final schedule will be shared with families prior to the transition to in-person instruction.

Your family will be assigned to one of the following cohorts. You will receive the cohort information in a copy of this letter that will be mailed home soon.

- Cohort A: students will attend on Monday and Tuesday
- Cohort B: students will attend on Thursday and Friday

Safety Precautions for In-Person Learning

In preparation for a move to blended learning, we have implemented several safety measures and protocols to help keep our students safe. All staff and students:

- Must wear a face covering (mask)
- Must maintain 6-foot social distancing
- Participate in a limited number of groups per day
- Must stay home when ill
 - $\circ~$ If your student experiences any of the following COVID-19 symptoms, they must stay home for the day:
 - Fever (100.4 or higher)
 - Cough
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Shortness of breath or difficult breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Headache
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Sore Throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - o If your student has had close contact with a person with COVID recently, or if any member of your home has received a positive COVID test or is waiting for COVID test results, your student must stay home for the day.
 - As an added precaution all students will have temperature taken upon entering the school.
- > Student-Led Conferences will be held on Thursday, 12/10, from 11:30 am-7:00 pm and on Friday, 12/11, from 8:00 am-3:30 pm. [Please note the date change from the original schedule of 12/7 & 12/8.]
 - Conferences will be held virtually
 - A link will be sent out via Remind for families to schedule their own conferences. The link will be posted on our SLC webpage at: https://www.thedeltahighschool.com/academics/student-led-conferences.
 - You will **schedule your own conference with your student's advisor** for a 20-minute Zoom session. Students and parents will attend the conference together.

Thank you to all members of our Delta community for your support through this unusual year. We believe lessons we learn this year will help us be able to provide an even more powerful educational program in the future. If at any time your child needs additional support please do not hesitate to contact us at Delta.

Delta Staff Directory: https://www.thedeltahighschool.com/school/staff-directory

Thank you!

Respectfully,

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Principal

Delta High School is a public school program founded by the Kennewick, Pasco, and Richland School Districts, Columbia Basin College, Washington State University Tri-Cities, Battelle – Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, the Washington State STEM Education Foundation, and the Tri-Cities community.