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What's Happening Parents' Edition

January 8, 2021

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 5th: 1st day of 3rd quarter Phase 1

Thursday, January 14th: Coffee with the Principal 8:45 am

Monday, January 18th: Martin Luther King Day **NO SCHOOL**

Tuesday, January 19th: In Person learning begins

A Note from Kirk

Subject: Expanding in-person learning in January

Dear New Vista High School Families,

Happy New Year! I'm hoping you all had time to rest and recharge over the holiday break. We're looking forward to returning to school in person in the coming weeks. Another big change to our school this year is the return of our Dean of Students, Ivette Visbal. Ivette was on an exchange in Australia for 2020 and we had Maria Murillo as our Interim Dean. Maria has transitioned to Broomfield High School's admin team, and Ivette has returned home to Boulder and New Vista.

As a reminder, final grades for the second quarter are posted to Infinite Campus on Thursday, January 7th. We do not send home paper copies of progress reports or report cards. Please check IC with your student to see their final grades.

I am hoping that by now you have seen the message from Superintendent Anderson regarding the Boulder Valley School District's plans to return to in-person learning in January. We are especially excited about the update regarding high school. Now our students will have the opportunity to attend class two days a week in a hybrid format.

This is important because we know that for many of our students, in-person learning and support is superior. We cannot wait to have students back in our classes and hallways again – for an extended period of time -- knowing the academic, social and emotional benefits.

We know that for some it is still not enough. While we recognize this and wait with great anticipation for a day when cases will decrease enough that we can return to a more normal situation – we will celebrate this development and the time we have with our students and that they will have with each other.

What changed?

Our understanding of COVID-19 and data regarding the disease continues to evolve, which has led to updated protocols from the state and our local public health agencies. Together, we have a little more flexibility – allowing high students to attend in a hybrid model.

Initially, in order to provide as much social distancing as possible and to avoid large quarantines, high school students were rotated through class one-day a week. As students get older, research shows that they are more likely to spread COVID-19, like adults.

What the research has also shown is that with layered health precautions, schools - including high schools - remain among the safest places to be. Additionally, updated quarantining protocols now allow us to be more targeted in our contact tracing, especially when seating charts are kept for each classroom. As a result, we and our partners in public health felt that it is safe to move high school students to hybrid learning (2 days of in-person learning per week).

What cohort will my student be in?

Naturally, students will want to know what days of the week they will be attending. We are simply expanding our cohorts so that Tuesday and Wednesday students attend together and Thursday and Friday students are in the same cohort. This will also allow us to revert back to a single day of the week schedule, if it is ever necessary to do so.

What can you expect from us?

We will:

- Support a smooth transition for in-person staff and students should guidelines from health agencies change.
- Support 100% virtual students so that they remain fully engaged with their teacher and peers during the class.
- Engage our students in live synchronous (in-person or virtual) learning four days per week.
- Be supportive to our teachers and students for continuity of learning and lesson delivery/planning.
- Ensure academic curricular advancement on a consistent basis.

How can students change cohorts or modes of learning

Students who wish to move from one cohort to another or move from in-person to remote learning or vice-versa, should contact Kirk Quitter, at kirk.quitter@bvsd.org

Attendance Expectations

We have recognized that some of our students have become lax in their attendance, while we have been in remote learning or the previous version of in-person learning. Moving forward, students who have selected to attend in-person will be expected to be in class on the days they are assigned (unless they have an excused

absence, for instance a sickness) and participating with the class remotely on the days that they are home. The only day where we will be permitting completely asynchronous learning is on Monday Launch Days.

This is not to say that students who are learning from home will be in front of a screen all day long. Each class will have synchronous learning expectations that students will be required to attend, as well as opportunities for synchronous remote support.

Teachers will be taking attendance.

Grading Changes

[An update regarding grading](#) came out from the district. The intent is to provide some flexibility for students who have been directly impacted by the pandemic, including remote learning. At New Vista, this looks like an “NG” instead of an “IP” grade, and a “P” grade for all grades between 60% and 69%. The NG will not earn any credit, but it will not impact a student’s GPA. The grade will earn path credit, and not impact a student’s GPA. P grades cannot be used as Common Learning Credit. Our current online [schedule is here](#). When we move to hybrid, our schedule will remain the same, with one exception. “Student support time” on Friday’s will revert back to Advisory time.

Cameras On

The district’s expectation, and New Vista’s as well, is that students will have their cameras on during synchronous class time. It is so much more productive for teaching and learning to be able to see each other. We’re working on supporting students with any technical or interpersonal issues that might prevent them from using their cameras.

Thank you-

Kirk

Kirk Quitter
Principal
New Vista High School

Asunto: Ampliación del aprendizaje en persona en enero

Estimadas familias de New Vista High School,

¡Feliz año nuevo! Espero que todos hayan tenido tiempo para descansar y recargar energías durante las vacaciones. Esperamos volver a la escuela en persona en las próximas semanas. Otro gran cambio en nuestra escuela este año es el regreso de nuestra Decana de Estudiantes, Ivette Visbal. Ivette estaba en un intercambio en Australia para 2020 y tuvimos a María Murillo como nuestra decana interina. María ha pasado al equipo de administración de Broomfield High School e Ivette ha regresado a casa en Boulder y New Vista.

Como recordatorio, las calificaciones finales del segundo trimestre se publicarán en Infinite Campus el jueves 7 de enero. No enviamos a casa copias impresas de informes de progreso o boletas de calificaciones. Consulte IC con su estudiante para ver sus calificaciones finales.

Espero que ya haya visto el mensaje del Superintendente Anderson sobre los planes del Distrito Escolar del Valle de Boulder de regresar al aprendizaje en persona en enero. Estamos especialmente entusiasmados con la actualización sobre la escuela secundaria. Ahora nuestros estudiantes tendrán la oportunidad de asistir a clases dos días a la semana en un formato híbrido.

Esto es importante porque sabemos que para muchos de nuestros estudiantes, el aprendizaje y el apoyo en persona es necesario. Esperamos con alegría a que los estudiantes vuelvan a nuestras clases y pasillos, durante un período prolongado de tiempo, conociendo los beneficios académicos, sociales y emocionales.

Sabemos que para algunos todavía no es suficiente. Si bien reconocemos esto y esperamos con gran anticipación el día en que los casos disminuyan lo suficiente como para que podamos volver a una situación más normal, celebraremos este desarrollo y el tiempo que tenemos con nuestros estudiantes y que tendrán entre ellos.

¿Qué cambió?

Nuestra comprensión de COVID-19 y los datos sobre la enfermedad continúan evolucionando, lo que ha llevado a protocolos actualizados del estado y nuestras agencias de salud pública locales. Juntos, tenemos un poco más de flexibilidad, lo que permite que los estudiantes asistan en un modelo híbrido.

Inicialmente, con el fin de proporcionar el mayor distanciamiento social posible y evitar grandes cuarentenas, los estudiantes de secundaria se rotaron en clase un día a la semana. A medida que los estudiantes son de más edad, las investigaciones muestran que es más probable que transmitan COVID-19, como los adultos.

Lo que la investigación también ha demostrado es que con precauciones de salud en capas, las escuelas, incluidas las escuelas secundarias, permanecen entre los lugares más seguros para estar. Además, los protocolos de cuarentena actualizados ahora nos permiten ser más específicos en nuestro rastreo de contactos, especialmente cuando se mantienen tablas de donde se deben sentar los estudiantes en el salón de clases. Como resultado, nosotros y el personal en salud pública sentimos que es seguro llevar a los estudiantes de secundaria al aprendizaje híbrido (2 días de aprendizaje en persona por semana).

¿En qué grupo estará mi estudiante?

Naturalmente, los estudiantes querrán saber a qué días de la semana asistirán. Simplemente estamos ampliando nuestros grupos para que los estudiantes de martes y miércoles asistan juntos y los estudiantes de jueves y viernes estén en el mismo grupo. Esto también nos permitirá volver a un horario de un solo día de la semana, si alguna vez es necesario hacerlo.

¿Qué puede esperar de nosotros?

Lo que haremos:

Apoyar una transición sin problemas para el personal y los estudiantes en persona en caso de que cambien las pautas de las agencias de salud.

Apoyar a los estudiantes 100% virtuales para que se mantengan completamente comprometidos con su maestro y compañeros durante la clase.

Involucrar a nuestros estudiantes en el aprendizaje sincrónico en vivo (en persona o virtual) cuatro días a la semana.

Apoyar a nuestros maestros y estudiantes para la continuidad del aprendizaje y la entrega / planificación de las lecciones.

Asegurar el avance curricular académico de manera constante.

¿Cómo pueden los estudiantes cambiar los grupos o los modos de aprendizaje?

Los estudiantes que deseen pasar de un grupo a otro o pasar del aprendizaje en persona al aprendizaje remoto o viceversa, deben comunicarse con Kirk Quitter, en kirk.quitter@bvsd.org

Expectativas de asistencia

Hemos reconocido que algunos de nuestros estudiantes se han vuelto flexibles en su asistencia, mientras que nosotros hemos estado en el aprendizaje a distancia o en la versión anterior del aprendizaje en persona. En el futuro, se espera que los estudiantes que hayan elegido asistir en persona estén en clase los días que se les asignen (a menos que tengan una ausencia justificada, por ejemplo, una enfermedad) y que participen con la clase de forma remota los días en que están casa. El único día en el que permitiremos el aprendizaje completamente asincrónico es el lunes.

Esto no quiere decir que los estudiantes que están aprendiendo desde casa estarán frente a una pantalla todo el día. Cada clase tendrá expectativas de aprendizaje sincrónico a las que los estudiantes deberán asistir, así como oportunidades de soporte remoto sincrónico.

Los maestros tomarán asistencia.

Cambios de calificación

El distrito actualizo las calificaciones. La intención es brindar cierta flexibilidad a los estudiantes que se han visto afectados directamente por la pandemia, incluido el aprendizaje a distancia. En New Vista, esto será una calificación de "NG" en lugar de una "IP", y una calificación de "P" para todas las calificaciones entre 60% y 69%. La NG no obtendrá ningún crédito, pero no afectará el GPA del estudiante. La calificación otorgará crédito de trayectoria y no afectará el GPA del estudiante. Las calificaciones P no se pueden usar como crédito de aprendizaje común. Nuestro horario actual en línea [está aquí](#). Cuando cambiemos a híbrido, nuestro horario seguirá siendo el mismo, con una excepción. El "tiempo de apoyo estudiantil" de los viernes volverá al tiempo de asesoramiento.

Cámaras

La expectativa del distrito, y también de New Vista, es que los estudiantes tengan sus cámaras encendidas durante el tiempo de clase sincrónico. Es mucho más productivo para la enseñanza y el aprendizaje poder verse. Estamos trabajando para ayudar a los estudiantes con cualquier problema técnico o interpersonal que podrían impedirles utilizar sus cámaras.

Gracias-

Kirk Quitter
Director
New Vista High School

Counseling Corner

Please read **Counselor's Corner**. We work so hard to keep you updated on community events, resources, post high school planning information, award opportunities, jobs, summer plans, and much more.

As the pandemic continues to impact life as we know it, we continue to see mental health distress and substance abuse rising to epidemic levels. Youth are struggling and parents need support on how to intervene. The evidence-based program, C.R.A.F.T. (Community Reinforcement and Family Training), is designed to help parents concerned about their child's substance use. Since the grant which funds this program in Boulder has been renewed, it is once again being offered for FREE, and via Zoom!

Maybe this is the greatest GIFT that is offered in our community - a VILLAGE for PARENTS of TEENS to not deal alone with challenging teen parenting issues - YEAH!!!!

I highly recommend this FREE Online class for any parent with teens - Trina Faatz and Laura Bressler are two amazing teachers with tons of experience as parents themselves and as leaders around substance abuse issues in our community!!!!

This program teaches several key skills, which have been proven to reduce the loved one's substance use, move them towards treatment if necessary, and improve the lives of the concerned family members. Specifically, participants gain:

- Understanding of a loved one's triggers to use substances
- Understanding of substance use and its effect on the brain
- Positive communication strategies
- Positive behavior reinforcement strategies
- Problem-solving skills
- Self-care strategies
- Skills to influence a loved one to accept help

The next 10-week sessions will start on these dates:

Tuesday, 1/12, 6-7:30 pm

Thursday, 1/14, 12-1:30 pm

There is an attached flyer that you can feel free to circulate or post. Check out the website at www.reachoutforchange.com for more details and testimonials of the results achieved by other Boulder parents who took the course. Individuals can register on line at www.reachoutforchange.com or call for information at 781-908-4488.

Boulder TEC Virtual Open House

Monday, January 25, 2021: Connect online any time from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m [Click here for more information](#)

What programs are offered at Boulder TEC?

Programs at Boulder TEC are centralized programs that require large spaces and unique resources which would be unfeasible to have at every high school in the district.

Automotive Collision Repair, Automotive Service Technology, Biomedical Science, Construction Trades, Cosmetology - Esthetics, Hair Styling & Design, and Nail Technology, Early Childhood Education, Emergency Medical Response, Forensics Investigation & Criminology, Sports Medicine, and Welding

Please be sure to visit the website at bouldertec.org for the most up-to-date information.



Coffee with the Principal

Coffee with the Principal will be Thursday, January 14th, 8:45 am - 9:45 am.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yearbook



BOOK SALES

Time is running out to be guaranteed a yearbook. We will need to make our final order shortly after the new year. Buy the book directly from Jostens' website. All online sales go through this site.

Link: <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01018027>

School Accountability Committee (SAC)

Are you a parent who likes to think big, advocate for improvement and dig into data? Do you value consensus-based decision making and enjoy supporting your local school? If so, the New Vista High School Accountability Committee (SAC) may be the place for you. We value your support!

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Graduation 2021

Although we do not know what the graduation ceremony will look like yet, I am sure that there will be a ceremony. It is now time to order your cap and gown. I have packets of information that I need you to pick up. You can pick up your information packet on Friday, January 8th from 9:00 - 3:30 pm or Monday from 9:00 - 3:30 pm. [Here](#) is the video on how to complete your order. In order to get the group rate, all orders will need to be submitted by Wednesday, January 20th.

If you need financial assistance please email ann.thomaier@bvsd.org.

