

Hello Marshall Rams! I hope everyone is having a nice summer staying safe and healthy. We are excited to start a new school year with our students. Even though we will not start in the traditional manner, we will work to provide the best learning environment for our students. This school year will start and look different than any school year we have ever experienced. There are important announcements happening weekly that it is more important than ever to keep open and continued communication. **A few tips that can really help:**

1. **Update your contact information in HAC.** Please update the information, if you haven't, to complete your child's intent to return. During virtual learning, if your phone or email changes, please continue to update the information in HAC and at the school so we are able to communicate with you regularly. Here is the link to log into HAC: <https://hac.nisd.net/HomeAccess/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2fhomeaccess>
2. **Log into your School Messenger account** and make sure the settings allow for phone, email, and text messages from the school and NISD. If you do not have a School Messenger account, please access the information here: <https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#/home>

Superintendent Dr. Brian Woods emailed a newsletter for parents June 24th.. If you did not receive the email, here is the link: <http://mailings.marketvolt.com/5463623/afovSUB.html> In his weekly newsletter he touched on a few very important items as we move closer to the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Please update your email if you are not receiving his updates. Again, our ability to effectively communicate with our community is essential during this virtual learning experience.

Here are a few important updates about the 2020-2021 school year:

There will be a survey coming out on August 2, 2020 for families to indicate their choice of instruction after we reach September 7, 2020. Remember that ALL students will begin the year receiving virtual instruction when school starts on August 24, 2020. Please make sure to complete the survey so we may have accurate information regarding the number of students who plan to return for in person learning.

The platform NISD teachers will be using to deliver instruction is Schoology. I encourage you to look at this system to help yourself and your student become familiar with the details it has to offer. To access an example of Schoology, please click on this link: <https://custapp.marketvolt.com/link/U9ITyQ9r7F?CM=0&X=PREVIEW>

NISD is currently working on a plan to provide technology to every student who needs assistance. Students will be expected to pick up the technology from the campus they attend.

Virtual learning will look different in the fall than it did last spring. Expectations for students to engage in learning and complete assessments will be substantially more rigorous than the prior experience. Currently, plans are in place to ensure that the learning delivered to our students is

robust. Students will also have accountability for doing work daily and engaging in instruction a specific number of minutes per day. Attendance will be taken and students who do not meet attendance requirements will be in danger of losing credit for courses. More specific details will be shared as they become available.

The safety and health of our students and staff is paramount. As a leadership team, we are meeting to plan this week to implement safety protocols and systems to keep all our Rams safe and healthy. As such we will need to make certain adjustments to how we operate. Changes in arrival and dismissal from school, lunch, hallways, and the classroom will be necessary to maintain social distancing. The district is providing PPE along with plexiglass installation in offices and classrooms to minimize contact and possible exposure. Our custodial staff will be even more vigilant about monitoring the Marshall campus and keeping areas of use sanitized on a regular basis. .

NISD now requires a Health Screening Questionnaire (HSQ) be completed using QR codes at all district buildings to include campuses before being allowed entry. Restricted access to campus is required. As students return back to campus, additional processes and procedures for arrival, departure, and visitors will be articulated to the community.

We can't wait to see you again, but until then, stay safe, healthy, and connected. I encourage you to check the NISD website for the most up to date information. Again, as information becomes available, we will share it with you. Please feel free to share this letter with anyone who may not have received it and remind them to update their email so we can communicate effectively with our whole community.

Sincerely,
Susan Cleveland, Principal
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