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It's important to recognize parents in the process as some of you have heard me say, the teachers have become the "instructors of content" and parents become the classroom managers in the virtual world. Here is the message I sent to students in the WAU- our weekly announcements in video:

I know it isn't easy but you are doing great- keep it up. Make sure as we go into week 2, you don't let the momentum fall- keep your classroom areas set up and clutter free. Keep your phones out of the environment and use lunch as a time to connect with friends. Get to "class on time or early" and don't miss class, if you do, plan on being in your teacher's opportunity day the following day. The online environment is different and that face to face time with teachers and classmates is more important than ever!

Thank you's:

- Parents- we hear you! You have been so supportive and complimentary of our distance learning work- we share this success with each of you!
- Parent feedback- thank you who have taken the time to ask questions and provide feedback. Right now, our biggest feedback has been around the schedule. Please know, we understand that 11-4 is a long session; however since we are working with pre-K through grade 12, schedule adjustments impact everyone. We are taking your feedback into consideration; however we are unable to make schedule changes at this time.
- Student contact- this has been such a wonderful bright spot this week. Your kids have been in touch with staff- this is a life skill that they have embraced- well done!
- A big thank you to our teacher Alejandro Corredor for the professional presentation and the 45+ parents who could join the Google Classroom Parent training in both English and Spanish- we will continue to offer this time weekly. Look for a new date coming next week.

This week:

Tuesday- Next principal coffee 3/24 @ 7:15- Follow up from Principal Coffee are:

- A list of MS Staff emails- 3/10
- Pending- extended sports programs and sports program communication
- Schedule suggestion- is there a way for our students to experience more electives? YES!

New! Yes, we are improving our technology in the office too!

Scheduling Materials for 2021- will be located in **Middle School-Wide Google Classroom** for students by 11AM. 8th Graders, you will be contacted by the High School Counselor this week with scheduling next steps.

Parent Portal- this will be available by 4PM Tuesday. This will be a site where parents can check weekly for updated schedules and information

Resources Available:

[**MS Staff Emails/Contacts:**](#)

[**Home/School Communication chart**](#)

The Writing Center is available to Middle School Students- Please note that the Writing Center will still be available during the opportunity days (10-11 am) and during period 7 while we are in distance learning to help any student with their written papers, fiction or academic, and will be checking our email (thewritingcenter@cng.edu) for any appointments.

- Absences? Contact ms_dismissal@cng.edu for absences or complete our fillable form for prearranged (2 days in advance).
 - [Pre Arranged Absence Form](#)
- In order for students to resubmit an assignment, they must complete the [Student Resubmission Form](#)

Tech Resources:

<http://bit.ly/cngtechsmart>- this is for timely CNG tech support

[Google Classroom \(English\)](#)

[Google Meet \(English\)](#)

[CommonSense.org](#), which is considered to be an industry-standard in the technology support to parents.

[Acceptable Use Policy \(AUP\)](#).

[Parent copy of student questions](#)

[Distance Learning Expectations Slides](#)

[Distance Learning Schedule](#)

Reminders:

Instructional time- remember, instructional time is different in the virtual world. It isn't meant for students and teachers to meet for the full hour. Teachers will have a set check in and check out time and pull small groups or individuals together during the 60 minute block but will not use the entire time. This will give our students time for independent work and the ability to use the bathroom, get a snack and prepare for their next class and meeting time.

MAP makeups- this was not a priority last week. Our priority was getting students comfortable in the virtual environment. Please know we will be rescheduling MAP when we return and

prior to the start of the 2020-2021 School Year. Students will not be penalized for not completing the MAP test. This will not impact student preAP eligibility.

An important reminder from our administrative and counselors for the virtual world, too. Please keep in touch about anyone needing support:



Looking Ahead:

Virtual Spirit Week- look for information before the break!

March 31st A conversation discussing sexually explicit material (formerly called pornography) and healthy relationships discussion. More information coming from the counseling team

April 6-10 Break- Semana Santa

April 21st Principal Coffee- 7:15AM- webex link-
<https://mycng.webex.com/meet/ashley.barker>

April- 22nd MS Student-led conferences- will create a plan for possible virtual meetings