

DELRAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 8, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are eager to begin our school year tomorrow with our first day of remote instruction for the entire district, followed by our first in person days on Thursday and Friday. Below is information regarding student attendance, meals and what to expect on the first days of school.

The opening of the 2020-2021 school year will be one like no other and we appreciate your understanding as we open. Similar to opening days each year, we do expect challenges tomorrow and in the days to follow with Canvas and Google Meet. We are absolutely steadfast in our support of your child and their teachers and will work through each issue side by side with you to ensure that their experience is valuable and worthwhile.

Should you need technical support you can fill out a [Help Desk](#) ticket. When you do, please see that you provide a personal email address so the technician can correspond with you directly.

You do not need a Chromebook to access Canvas; you can still use your own computers until we are 1:1 in November.

Student Attendance

Student Attendance will be collected daily. The district is using School Messenger to collect daily attendance. For students that are learning fully virtual, attendance will be collected everyday, except Wednesdays. On Wednesdays, ALL students will participate in online activities with their teachers, therefore, the teachers will collect attendance on Wednesdays.

For students that are on the Delaware team, parents will receive an email from school messenger on Tuesdays and Fridays. You will need to check your email on Tuesdays and

Fridays to indicate on a Google Form via School Messenger that your child is present or absent. Teachers will collect attendance on Mondays and Thursdays since the students are in person.

For students that are on the Rancocas team, parents will receive an email from school messenger on Mondays and Thursdays. You will need to check your email on Mondays and Thursdays to indicate on a google form via school messenger, that your child is present or absent. Teachers will collect attendance on Tuesdays and Fridays since the students are in person.

Please see that your child attends school on the appropriate days; we cannot mix the Rancocas and Delaware groups.

COVID 19 Questionnaire

A daily questionnaire from Real time/Parent Portal will need to be completed on the days your child attends school in person by parents. This form will be used to indicate any symptoms of COVID-19. You will receive more information on Wednesday in advance of Thursday's first on site group.

Meals

Below is information from NutriServ regarding the food services program for the school year.

[English](#)

[Portuguese](#)

[Turkish](#)

The District will continue to provide meals to all students. All four schools will serve lunch during the hybrid schedule for those students attending in-person instruction on either a Rancocas or Delaware Hybrid Schedule.

Additionally, there will be a weekly meal distribution for Full Remote Students, and Hybrid Students, needing supplemental meals. The District Food Distribution will take place on Wednesdays at Delran High School and Delran Middle School.

There will be two time slots available for curbside pickup. Pickup times at both DHS and DMS are Wednesdays 12:30pm-1:30pm and Wednesday 6:30pm-7:30pm. Parents should fill out the attached [Google Form](#) by Tuesdays at 9am in advance of the Wednesday distribution. All meals for Delran Students are free.

September 9, 10 and 11 Activities

Delran High School

Wednesday, September 9th: This will be a Single Session Day for all students virtually. [HERE](#) is the schedule that the students will have to follow.

Also, it is imperative that all students know how to sign-in to their Canvas Account before the first day of classes. Canvas is our new Student Management Learning System. In order to do this, all students will need their District Username and Password. This is the same username and password from last year. If your child has forgotten his/her credentials, I processed letters that give each student their name and password. In the Parent Portal under the Correspondence tab on the left-hand side, you will see under General Letters, a letter named Student PW. The information is contained in that letter. If you cannot access that information, please communicate with the main office on Tuesday and we will help you out! [HERE](#) is a video that explains Canvas.

Please take the time to watch the video to understand Canvas and what it has to offer your child. You will find the login site on the newly designed DHS Homepage.

Thursday, September 10th: This will be our first in-person Delaware Day! This day is also a SINGLE SESSION DAY. [HERE](#) is the schedule that the students will have to follow.

Friday, September 11th: This will be our first in-person Rancocas Day! This day is also a SINGLE SESSION DAY. [HERE](#) is the schedule that the students will have to follow.

Delran Middle School

As you know, Delran Middle School is beginning the 2020-2021 school year with a virtual school day for all students on Wednesday, September 9th. The school day will run from 7:30am to 12:00pm, following the single session bell schedule below. September 10th and 11th are also single session days for students and will follow the bell schedule below.

FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 9TH, 10TH, & 11TH

SINGLE SESSION *2020-2021*

Period 1	7:30 - 8:05
Period 2	8:09 - 8:42
Period 3	8:46 - 9:19
Period 4	9:23 - 9:40
Period 5	9:40 - 9:57
Period 6	9:57 - 10:14
Period 7	10:14 - 10:31
Period 8	10:31 - 10:48
Period 9/10	10:48 - 11:22
Period 11	11:26 - 12:00

All students will meet in their teachers' Google Meet links on Wednesday. On Thursday, Delaware students will meet in person(hybrid) or online(remote) with their classes. Also on Thursday, Rancocas students will find assignments posted by their teachers in Canvas. On Friday, Rancocas students will meet in person(hybrid) or online(remote) with their classes. Also on Friday, Delaware students will find assignments posted by their teachers in Canvas.

Hybrid Program Weekly Schedule

This graphic describes the weekly schedule for families that chose the Hybrid Option.

Hybrid Instructional Model

	DELAWARE	RANCOCAS	TIME
MONDAY	In-Person Instruction	Remote/Asynchronous Instruction	7:30 AM - 2:15 PM
TUESDAY	Remote/Asynchronous Instruction	In-Person Instruction	7:30 AM - 2:15 PM
WEDNESDAY	Remote Asynchronous Instruction After 10 minute Synchronous Check-In for Each Period		8:00 AM - 9:20 AM
THURSDAY	In-Person Instruction	Remote/Asynchronous Instruction	7:30 AM - 2:15 PM
FRIDAY	Remote/Asynchronous Instruction	In-Person Instruction	7:30 AM - 2:15 PM

100% Remote Program Weekly Schedule

This graphic describes the weekly schedule for families that chose the 100% Remote Option.

100% Remote Optional Instructional Model

	DELAWARE	RANCOCAS	TIME
MONDAY	Live/Synchronous Instruction	Remote/Asynchronous Instruction	7:30 AM - 2:15 PM
TUESDAY	Remote/Asynchronous Instruction	Live/Synchronous Instruction	7:30 AM - 2:15 PM
WEDNESDAY	Remote Asynchronous Instruction After 10 minute Synchronous Check-In for Each Period		8:00 AM - 9:20 AM
THURSDAY	Live/Synchronous Instruction	Remote/Asynchronous Instruction	7:30 AM - 2:15 PM
FRIDAY	Remote/Asynchronous Instruction	Live/Synchronous Instruction	7:30 AM - 2:15 PM

Canvas

The district is utilizing Canvas, a learning management system which will house all of your child's classes. The teachers will be able to interact with your child by posting videos, Google Meet links, assignments, discussions, and many other interactive approaches to support your child's middle school education. Please read [Superintendent Dr. Brotschul's email](#) from September 3rd. It has important information about our school opening and most importantly, how your child should log into Canvas on the first day of school.

Please note, your child will not see his or her courses in Canvas until Wednesday morning. Please watch the video link located on the bottom of the second page. It gives clear directions on how to log into Canvas for the first time. It is the same username and password your child used for Google last year. You can access your child's login information by entering the Parent Portal. Click the correspondence tab, then click "view letter" next to the Student PW icon. Please contact the main office if you do not know your Parent Portal log in. We have mailed portal letters to all families that have not logged in since last September.

Delran Intermediate School

The first day of instruction will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. This is a remote day for all hybrid AND remote students. There will be a Google Meet at 9:00am. Directions on how your child is to meet his/her teacher on the first day of school can be found [here](#).

Thursday, September 10, 2020 will be an in person single session school day for hybrid Delaware students. The Google Meet for remote Delaware students will begin at 8:30am. Friday, September 11, 2020 will be an in person single session school day for hybrid Rancocas students. The Google Meet for remote Rancocas students will begin at 8:30am.

Online Behavior Expectations: All students will have a certain degree of online learning, of which there are certain expectations for behavior and etiquette. Following the district, school and teacher's guidelines for appropriate behavior is a non-negotiable of which students will be held accountable. Ensuring your child is logged on at the correct time, appropriately dressed and ready to learn will be a contributing factor to your child's success. Failure to do so can have a negative impact on their own learning, the learning of their peers and the teacher's ability to teach. [Here](#) is the link regarding online etiquette and expectations.

Millbridge

Your child's courses will be visible in Canvas on Wednesday, September 9th.

Delaware Cohort

There will be a Google meet for all students in the Delaware cohort at 9:00 am on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

For families who have opted into the 100% remote program, you will have a regular Google meets at 9:10 am on Monday and Thursday mornings. Your child's teacher will be scheduling additional times with you for reading and writing.

Starting on September 16, 2020, there will be an OPTIONAL morning meeting on Wednesdays at 9:10 for students in both cohorts.

Rancocas Cohort

There will be a Google meet for all students in the Rancocas cohort at 9:30 am on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

For families who have opted into the 100% remote program, you will have a regular Google meets at 9:10 am on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Your child's teacher will be scheduling additional times with you for reading and writing.

Starting on September 16, 2020, there will be an OPTIONAL morning meeting on Wednesdays at 9:10 for students in both cohorts.

AM Preschool

There will be a Google meet at 9:00 am on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

PM Preschool

There will be a Google meet at 9:30 am on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

Self-contained Programs

There will be a Google meet at 9:00 am on Wednesday, September 9, 2020