

Dear Arapahoe High School Parents & Guardians,

September 18, 2020

I hope this communication finds you and your loved ones in good health. This continues to be a time of uncertainty and challenge as we navigate our way through the fall semester in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am writing to share some important updates as well as provide some reminders that I shared with students this week over the daily announcements. We want all of our students to be successful this year despite the circumstances we find ourselves in. We need to work collaboratively to support our students in this hybrid learning model.

It is imperative that students check Google Classroom every day for every class. While they have been doing a fantastic job with their in-person learning tasks, they need to remember to also complete their assignments for their remote learning days. I have found, in working with my own children, that if they consistently check the "Classwork" tab in the top middle of each Google Classroom, they can find the details about each assignment as well as when they are due. Also, when they have completed an assignment they need to click on "**Done**" or "**Turn in**" so teachers can see it (unless, of course, they have turned in a hard copy during their in-person days). Our AHS interventionist, Mr. Rod Sherman, is planning to host "**Google Classroom Tutorials**" for both students and parents in the coming weeks. Please look for communication from him on these opportunities to learn on **Wednesday mornings during our PLC time (8:10-9:10 a.m.). It will be virtual and everyone will be invited.**

Additionally, please remind your students that grades will be letter grades this year. The pass/fail grade is not an option like it was last spring, so it is very important that all assignments are completed - both in-person and remote. Please do not wait until it's too late. Encourage students to reach out to teachers if they are confused or need help navigating Google Classroom or completing assignments.

Arapahoe Parent-Teacher Conferences are right around the corner. Since we are unable to hold our traditional conferences in person, all Arapahoe teachers will be using the "You Book Me" calendar invite to have you sign up for a one-on-one Parent-Teacher Conference. Students are encouraged to attend whenever possible. The conferences will be happening throughout the week **starting October 12, 2020, and continuing through October 15, 2020** (October 15th, 16th, and 19th are non-student days). All conferences will take place outside of the school day, though not all teachers will be holding them at the same time during the conference week. **Please look for an invitation to sign up from each of your child's teachers beginning the first week of October.** You should begin to see grades in Infinite Campus for

most classes by now. I do ask that you continue to give some grace to our teachers who are working very hard to maximize their efforts in the hybrid model. Teaching both online and in-person is still a new world to us all and there can be a little lag time between moving scores from Google Classroom to Infinite Campus. Please talk with your student first, and if you still have questions, please reach out to teachers.

Finally, I cannot thank you enough for encouraging your Warriors to be cognizant of wearing masks, social distancing, and washing their hands. As was communicated earlier this week, we had 1 positive COVID case that caused 4 of our teachers and 30 students to quarantine for 14 days. Please pay very close attention to any possible COVID symptoms and err on the side of caution. If your student does not feel well, please keep them home from school - their teachers will help them stay caught up.

Please keep up with good health and safety habits - both in school and away from school. I have been made aware of some potential "fake Homecoming parties" that are being planned in our community. Given our current situation in the midst of a global pandemic, it is extremely important that opportunities for large student gatherings are not allowed to occur. As teenagers, it is sometimes difficult to see the "big picture" and fully comprehend the ramifications of their actions. As I mentioned in my Back to School Week [video message](#), partnering with parents is critical in helping our Warriors make the right decisions. I appreciate your continued collaboration as they learn to be healthy, productive citizens of the world.

One of the lessons we have taken from our Arapaho friends on the Wind River Reservation is to always do the right thing - even when no one is watching. Our students are working hard to take care of one another and I am incredibly proud of the integrity they show every day. Because AHS Warriors display such strong character, it is my hope that we will be together for many weeks to come! We are so happy to be back with our Warriors. As always, please reach out with any questions. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,



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