

September 2, 2020

Dear North Ridge Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We have been busy getting ready for this school year and cannot wait to see you soon in our Google Classrooms. While we are disappointed to not have you on campus, we have done our best to create enriching, virtual classrooms for you. Let's make this year unforgettable with memories of how we overcame the COVID-19 pandemic!

This year is probably the most difficult we have ever encountered. This packet contains information to help you start the year strong. Please follow the directions below so that you are ready on the first day of school (Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020) at 8:00 A.M.

1. REVIEW YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE - All students are enrolled in 8 periods of class. The schedule on page 2 describes the classes and teachers your child will attend each period. Even though we are remote, the schedule is very important as it corresponds to the remote learning schedule.
2. ENROLL IN YOUR GOOGLE CLASSROOMS – Every class at North Ridge Middle School has a Google Classroom that functions as the learning platform for students. Students will sign into their Google Classrooms daily to meet with their teachers and complete assignments. Students must enroll in all seven (7) of their Google Classrooms by entering the unique Google Classroom codes found on the class schedule (page 2 of this packet). Students must log into their District 118 Google accounts to access their classrooms. Instructions for enrolling in Google Classrooms is on page 3 of this packet.
3. REVIEW THE REMOTE LEARNING WEEKLY SCHEDULE – Students are expected to attend class from 8:00 am to 1:45 pm daily. The remote learning weekly schedule will tell you the days, times, and what period to attend. Remember that you must reference your class schedule in order to know which Google Classroom you need to sign into.
4. TEST YOUR TECHNOLOGY AT HOME – It is a good idea to sign into the computer you will be using before the first day of class. Computers often require updates that must be completed before the computer will be usable. Log into your computer now. Make sure that your username and password work. Test your internet connection. If you need help with technology or logging in, please call the helpdesk at 217-444-1583.

If you have any questions, we are here to help you along the way.

Sincerely,

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