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Hello AIHS Community,

September 2, 2020

Hopefully you have had an enjoyable summer despite the current state of the world. All AIHS staff started back at school on the 27th of August. We have been working hard to make the remote learning component of our school year as user friendly as possible.

Please note, **all students will be required to attend remote classes from 8:30 to 1:30**, with Flex Time, Work Study, and recovery classes from 1:30 to 2:30. There are no exceptions to this schedule. There will be online and offline components to each class. Packets for the off line component will be available for pickup and dropoff **every Wednesday**. Google Meet links will be provided for each class in Google Classroom, as well as in the Google Calendar.

Some great news...The School Committee has renewed AIHS for another 5 years....And the lease has been signed for another 5 years.

IMPORTANT DATES...

RETURNING STUDENTS Welcome Back Drive Thru for Students and Families

- This is **OPTIONAL**
- Monday, September 14 from 1pm to 2pm
- Staff will be outside as **RETURNING** students walk/drive through the parking lot.
- Chromebooks will be available for pickup. Parents/Guardians **MUST BE PRESENT** to sign a Chromebook Consent Form.

NEW STUDENT Orientation

- This is **MANDATORY**
- Monday, September 14, 2020 at 2pm
- All **NEW** students will meet either outside or in the building (TBD) at 2pm to review the Quarter 1 schedule and AIHS policies & expectations. A link will also be provided via Google Meet for remote attendees. This will be a 30 minute meeting.

First Day of School - Tuesday, September 15, 2020

- **ALL Classes will be Remote to start**

District Re-assess Date

- October 2, 2020 - District will decide whether to stay Remote or switch to Hybrid. The change would happen at least a week after this reassess date.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Please note while school is in the Remote Learning mode, the school day will be as it was prior to quarantine last year.

- Students are expected to participate in learning from **8:30 to 1:30 every day**.
- From 1:30 to 2:30 students will be expected to participate in Flex Time, Credit Recovery and/or Work Study.
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday all classes will be **online**. Google Meets will be available through each class in Google Classroom.
- Wednesdays individual meetings are pre-scheduled with each teacher. Each Wednesday students will meet with 2 of their teachers one to one, either remote or in person (TBD). These meetings will provide individual support to students in each content area.
- On Wednesdays, when students are not in one of their two individually scheduled meetings they will be required to be working on Class Packets. These packets will be distributed on **Wednesday Mornings from 8 to 10:00. At that time students can return their packets from the prior week. If needed, these packets can be emailed and printed at home.**
- Individual schedules are attached.
- Please see the Student Expectations document. If your student is not meeting these expectations we have a system in place to contact parents/guardians immediately to prevent loss of credit.

CHROMEBOOKS

If you have not done so yet, please email Eryn at eryn.maguire@amesburyma.org or call AIHS at 978-388-8037 if your student will need a chromebook. A **parent/guardian will be required to sign a consent form** from the school district if borrowing a chromebook. Chromebooks will be distributed on September 14th during the Returning Student Drive Thru or the New Student Orientation.

We understand remote learning is not the best form of learning for all of our students. We are making every effort to build classes and classwork as individualized as possible to help our students along. As always, please call or email any questions. I hope the rest of your summer is joyful and pleasant!

Sincerely,

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AIHS Remote Expectations-2020

ATTENDANCE:

- Students are responsible for attending each academic class, academic progress meeting, flextime class, work study class, and credit recovery class.
- **FAMILIES** should provide notice to school staff of any issues with the internet or devices that will affect student's attendance. FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE WITH SCHOOL STAFF WILL RESULT IN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE(S).
- Two (2) unexcused absences in a quarter will result in a mandatory meeting with principal, guidance, student, and family.
- A text will be sent to the **STUDENTS AND FAMILIES** at the beginning of a class period to report an absence. If there is no response to the text, FAMILIES WILL BE CALLED.
- Students have at least 10 minutes between classes for water or bathroom breaks, etc., and are expected to be present at the start of each class. Tardiness to any class period will result in Flextime.

TECHNOLOGY:

- Students log into classes using their own computer, with webcam, or a Chromebook provided by AIHS. (NO PHONES)
- **Cameras and speakers are required to remain ON** during class and meeting sessions.
- Internet access is required to support Remote Online Learning. **Families** are expected to notify school staff of concerns or issues related to technology or internet access **PRIOR** to a remote learning session.

DURING CLASS:

- Students are expected to actively participate in discussions, activities, and assignments as outlined in class rubrics.
- Students will earn letter grades based on performance; this remote learning will **NOT** be assessed as Pass/Fail.
- **CAMERAS** and **SPEAKERS** will remain **ON** for the duration of the session. (Treat it as if you were physically in the classroom.)