

Good evening Piedmont families. This is Principal Dylan Stamey with several important updates and reminders.

CHANGE TO HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR: The Board of Education has made a slight change in the high school calendar to assist with administering the 11th-grade ACT. February 23rd will now be a remote learning day for all 9th/10th/12th grade students. All 11th grade student are expected to be on campus to take the ACT.

PANORAMA SURVEY: UCPS will launch the Panorama Survey for all students grades 3-12 on February 24th, 2021. This is a follow up to the survey given earlier in the school year. Parents will have an opportunity to preview the survey starting today through February 21st. The link to the preview can be found here: [Survey Preview Links](#)

Parents do have the option to opt-out of the survey. Parents will need to complete the letter can return the form to Piedmont High. The Opt-out Letter can be found here: [Opt-out Letter](#). Please contact Tracey.carney@ucps.k12.nc.us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your ongoing support to meet the social and emotional needs of all students.

ACT FOR 11th GRADE: On Tuesday, February 23rd all 11th grade students will be taking the ACT at Piedmont High School. Regardless of a student's face to face assigned day or if they are a Plan D virtual student, ALL students must report to campus on TUESDAY, February 23.

The ACT is a college entrance exam and through this free opportunity, students can send their score to up to 4 colleges at no cost. Students should have received an email from Mrs. Starnes today with information on how to take advantage of this opportunity. Students will have preparatory resources, practice tests, and Piedmont teacher videos in a specially designed ACT Canvas course which will be shared with all students on Monday. Students will need to log in to their Canvas dashboard and accept the course invitation in order to access the resources.

On Tuesday, February 23 students should bring the following items:

Laptop and charger

Calculator

Pencils

If students drive and/or have a ride, they will be allowed to sign out at the conclusion of the test administration which will be approximately 1:00. However, students MUST bring a note if they wish to sign out. If students are riding the bus, they will remain on campus until our normal dismissal time of 3:20

If you are a virtual student that needs bus transportation on the 23rd, please contact Assistant Principal Dan Edwards (dan.edwards@ucps.k12.nc.us) by February 16th.

Please encourage your child to regularly check their school email for updates and important reminders regarding the ACT. If you have any questions please reach out and let us know.

TECH SUPPORT: A new page has been added to the Piedmont website that provides students with several options for obtaining technical support for their Chromebooks, including how to request a Wi-Fi hotspot. Go to Quick Links on the Piedmont website and click on "Computer Support for Students" to access contact information and links if you need Chromebook support: [Piedmont Tech Support Page](#).

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS: As a reminder, all students that are registered for Plan B are expected to attend school on their assigned face-to-face days. Only students that completed the Scribbles application process in the fall are approved for Plan D- Virtual Academy. Students that are absent on their face to face days will receive a 2A, unexcused absence designation in PowerSchool. Students need to bring in medical/parent notes for consideration upon returning to school. Students that have been instructed by our school nurse to quarantine will be NOT be counted absent as long as your student continues to work from home. On scheduled remote learning days, students will continued to be marked present as long as they log-in daily and complete their assignments.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: We continue to ask our families for support in not sending students to school if they are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms. We also ask that you keep students at home if anyone in the home is currently displaying Covid-19 symptoms or is waiting on pending Covid-19 test results. If your student stays at home, please send in a note upon returning to school. If you have any questions about sending your student to school, please call Nurse Hamilton at 704-296-3170 or email at tracy.hamilton@ucps.k12.nc.us.

As always, thank you for your support of Piedmont High School. Have a great weekend!