

A message from PIEDMONT HIGH

Good evening Piedmont families-

This is Principal Dylan Stamey with your weekly updates and reminders for the upcoming week.

STUDENTS ON QUARANTINE: When a student is placed on quarantine by our school nurse, we expect students to stay in contact with their teachers. We do understand in some circumstances that students may not feel well enough to participate in daily instruction. Please keep your teacher updated and check your student email daily. Students are also expected to log-in to each teacher's Canvas page daily. Parents and students will also see a 1D absence designation when viewing PowerSchool. While quarantine absences do not count toward official absences, we do not want students to fall behind in class. Piedmont High will be offering virtual tutoring session after school for students on quarantine. All Piedmont High teachers should now have a link on their Canvas pages for a calendar of available teachers each day. Students on quarantine will email the any of the teachers for assistance, and the teachers will respond with a virtual meeting opportunity. Sara Hanna will be our Quarantine Student Academic Support Coordinator. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 704-296-3170 or email her directly at sara.hanna@ucps.k12.nc.us.

TEACHER WORKDAY: Thursday, September 16th will be a teacher workday. Students will not have not school. We will return for a normal school day on Friday, September 17th.

PROGRESS REPORTS: All grades for the first three weeks will be updated and available for viewing on Tuesday, September 14th. If you have questions or concerns with your child's academic progress, please reach out to the individual classroom teacher.

STUDENT PARKING TICKETS: Student drivers will need to display their parking passes by hanging their permits from their rear-view mirror. Students are expected to park only in their designated lot. We will also issue parking tickets to student parked out of their designated parking lots. If you are a 11th or 12th grade students with a valid NC Driver's License, we still have parking spots for sale. Please see Mrs. Cook if you would like to purchase a parking pass. Information can also be found on our school website.

STUDENT HOTSPOTS: Last year, we had the benefit of having a surplus of hotspots available for students that did not have reliable internet access at home. All hotspots handed out during the 2020-2021 school year are no longer active. Unfortunately at this time, only students that qualify for free/reduced lunch are eligible for a school hotspot. If you need a hotspot, you must complete the free/reduced lunch form found below. Once you receive the eligibility letter, please contact an administrator to apply for a free hotspot.

CAFETERIA: Once again this year, all students will receive free standard breakfast and lunch each day. Students will also have the opportunity to purchase a la cart items during their lunch period. Families are able to pre-pay for lunch accounts and check student balances using the k12 Payment Center website found here: <https://www.k12paymentcenter.com/>. We would also like to encourage all families to complete the free/reduced lunch form found here: <https://www.lunchapplication.com>.

NEW STUDENT CAMPUS ACTIVITY LINK: We continue to look for ways to engage our students in our campus activities and clubs. We have created a new weekly activity page on our school webpage. Students will be able to view weekly club meeting and other activities. The link can be found under our Quicklink section on our school webpage. Please encourage your student to become involved in our campus activities.

TECHNOLOGY- Students need to bring their charged laptop and charger every day. Below you will find several technology resources for students and parents.

Student Log-in Portal- Students will continue to utilize NCEDCloud to access all platforms necessary for virtual/remote learning. If you need assistance in accessing NCEDCloud, please use the following links:

- Written: https://docs.google.com/document/d/11zKM6cCwE-yEXl4fsnedsR_wCUB_nK_BdRa6qLW-C6k/edit
- Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLO64JnYVrl&feature=youtu.be>
- Student Help-Desk Tickets: If your student has an issue with their Chromebook computer, please have them enter a helpdesk ticket by following the process described in the instructions provided on the UCPS Technology Services website: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7372>