# Kirk Middle School CSDVA Newsletter

Virtual Academy September 4th

## CSDVA Kirk Schoology Page

Students have been added to the CSDVA Kirk Schoology page. This page is where students will find daily updates and resources. I have also posted student schedules in the materials section if for any reason you could not get into HAC the last few days.

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This is also where my virtual morning announcements are posted on this page along with other resources throughout the year. If for any reason your child is not seeing this page on their Schoology list of courses they may join the course using the access code provided here.

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## How to get to Schoology and a District Device and Personal Device

The best way for students to find SCHOOLOGY on a school device is to the following:

- 1. Get on Google Chrome.
- 2. Find the **CSD Folder Icon** (on the left, below the search bar) and click on.

From the dropdown menu, click on Christina School District Schoology Page.

- 1. username:
- 2. password:
- 3. After signing in you should see a blue strip with the Christina School District logo. Choose "COURSES."
- 4. Match the course options with your schedule.

The best ways for students to find SCHOOLOGY on a personal device is to the following:

- 1. Go to the Christina School District Website https://www.christinak12.org/
- 2. Click on the yellow rectangle icon "Find it Fast..." at the upper right of the screen.
- 3. Click on " Resources for Students."
- 4. Find" APPS."
- 5. Find and Click on Schoology under "APPS."
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- 7. password:
- 8. After signing in you should see a blue strip with the Christina School District logo. Choose "**COURSES**."
- 9. Match the course options with your schedule.

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- 1. or log in to https://christinak12.schoology.com
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### Welcome to the 2022 - 2023 School Year

Welcome to the Christina School District Virtual Academy (CSDVA) for the 2022-2023 school year. We are excited to enter our 2nd year with the CSDVA and we feel this year will be even better than last year.



Thank you to all of the parents that joined our virtual meet and greet last week. We have posted that recording in the materials section of the CSDVA Kirk Schoology page if you would like to view that meeting.

This week we will be kicking off the school year on September 6th with our 6th graders only and on September 7th all grades will begin school. I'll be holding virtual assemblies with the students next week and I'll be reviewing best practices with the students on how to be successful in a virtual setting.

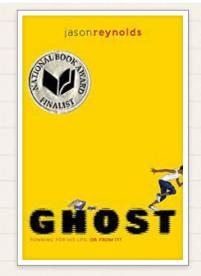
Have a great week,

Mr. DeLillio

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# Don't Forget About Summer Reading!

This year's Summer reading for all middle school students is Ghost, by Jason Reynolds. If anyone did not receive a copy of the summer reading stop by the office to pick up your copy. Reading over the summer is a great way for students to maintain and even improve their reading skills.



# 8 Tips for Middle and High Schoolers to get started in online school

Getting started with virtual learning can be challenging at first, but once you and your student hit your stride, the benefits are resounding. Whether you're trying to map out the school day or getting back on track after a late start, as a parent, you'll want to be active early on to make sure your student adopts good habits to succeed in remote learning. Then, with the right routines established, you'll know it's working when your middle or high school student is working more and more independently.

Here are some online learning tips to share with your virtual school or blended learning student to help ensure his or her success:

#### 1. Be positive.

Thriving through a change is tough but doable with a positive attitude. A positive attitude about online learning is the best gift you can give yourself. Everything you learn, whether it's your most favorite or least favorite subject, will help you grow as a person.

#### 2. Get organized—and stay organized.

Creating an orderly learning space to do schoolwork will put you ahead of the game. Be sure you have room for your books, computer, pens, paper, and other supplies. Label folders to hold papers and notes for each subject. Go ahead and create electronic folders for each class on your computer and in your email program. If your virtual school provides an online planner, use it to schedule your personal appointments and create your "to do" list, with items ranked in order of urgency.

#### 3. Establish a flexible routine.

While online school and blended learning school do give you a more flexible schedule, having a routine will help keep you on track with your schoolwork. Students who are new to virtual learning may not know what schedule works best for them with more flexibility in their day. It's a good idea to find out when your teachers have their office hours, so you can arrange your schedule to overlap with when they are available. Naturally, you can vary your schedule when needed.

#### 4. Set personal goals.

To make great things happen in your life, it helps to set goals for yourself. Think about what you'd like to accomplish, both short and long term. Is there a class you want to ace this semester? Be sure to put your goals in writing and post the list where you'll see it often.

#### 5. Make the most of your resources.

As an online or blended learning student, you have many helpful resources available. Naturally, your texts, the library, online instructional tools, and trusted websites come to mind. But don't forget the many human resources you can use: parents, teachers, school counselors, and principals are great sources of information. A good rule of thumb is if you've been looking for an answer for more than five minutes, reach out for help!

#### 6. Start on track and stay on track.

It's always better to be ahead than to be struggling at the last minute! Break down big projects into small, manageable parts—and give each one a deadline. Don't drag your feet—make yourself do things on time and you'll be better off in the long run.

#### 7. Exercise with friends online.

Middle and high school students will spend a lot of time online—completing lessons, chatting with peers, and touching base with their online teachers. So schedule physical fitness into your day. Physical exercise can boost mood, energy, and brainpower. Your student won't even have to leave the living room with the many online exercise videos available on social channels like Instagram and YouTube.

#### 8. Learn to deal with setbacks.

Everyone has them! Every person who succeeds has had to struggle to get there. When you get a bad grade, have an argument with a friend, or experience other frustrations, realize that this is a learning experience. Talk to someone to get another point of view—you could be worried about something that's pretty small in the long run. To move forward, you must take responsibility for what you've done (or not done) and decide to change your behavior in the future. Making a plan for achieving greater success in the future will help you build confidence too, even outside of online school!

Following these virtual learning tips will help students get the most out of their online classes. With these suggestions, virtual school or blended learning school students can become independent learners and gain valuable time-management skills that will serve them well—in high school, in college, and in the workforce!

Pearson Connections Academy, 8 Tips for Middle And High Schoolers To Get Started in Online School, 2021,<u>https://www.connectionsacademy.com/support/resources/article/8-top-tips-for-student-success-in-online-school/</u>, 8/8/22





### School Supply List

#### Kirk Middle School Supply List 2022-2023

#### School Supplies

- $\cdot$  Mouse (USB) to use with Chromebook
- $\cdot$  Earbuds to use with Chromebook
- · 2 packs of loose-leaf paper
- · 2, 12-count pack of pencils
- · 4 composition notebooks
- Erasers
- · Highlighters
- $\cdot$  Colored pencils, individual pack of markers
- · Ruler
- · 8, 2-pocket folders



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## September Calendar 1st Day of School

Sept. 1 PK-12 Schools Closed - Professional Development (Offices Open) Sept. 2 PK-12 Schools Closed (Offices Open) 5 PK-12 Schools &

Offices Closed - Labor Day

Sept. 6 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL \* <u>Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 9</u>\* Grades K-12: Brennen School/DAP, DSD and REACH Program ORIENTATION DAY - Kindergarten PRESCHOOL HOME VISITS BEGIN - \* Brennen, CEEC, DSD, Stubbs

Sept. 7 ALL STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL, K-12

Sept. 12 FIRST DAY OF PRE-K \* Brennen, CEEC, DSD, Stubbs Sept. 13 PK-12 Schools Closed - Election Day / Professional Development (Offices Open) Sept. 26 PK-12 Schools Closed - Professional Development (Offices Open) The entire CSD Calendar is attached below.

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#### KIRK CSDVA MIDDLE SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE 2022 - 2023

Time	Block	
7:05 – 7:45	Enrichment	
7:50 - 8:40	Block 1	
8:45 - 9:40	Block 2	
9:45 - 10:40	Block 3	
10:45 - 11:15	Lunch (All Grades)	
11:20 - 12:15	Block 4	
12:20 - 1:15	Block 5	
1:20 - 2:05	Academic Advisory	

