

Kirk Middle School CSDVA Newsletter

Virtual Academy August 9th Edition

Family Orientation Meeting for CSDVA - 8/31 @ 3:00 pm

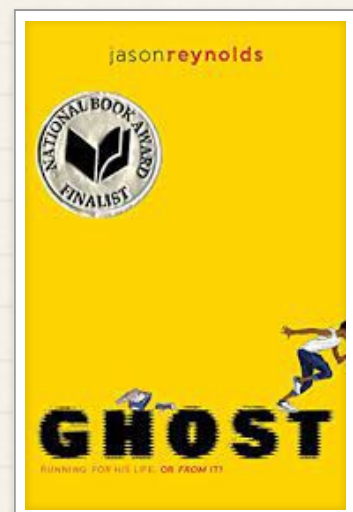
On Wednesday, August 31st at 3:00 pm we will host a virtual family meeting to share information about the CSDVA at Kirk for the upcoming school year. We have made some changes based on our family survey from last year that we are excited to share. The biggest change is that this year our Virtual Academy will have a set schedule that does not rotate to make it easier for our virtual students to navigate to their classes.

Please join me on 8/31 on Zoom at 3:00 pm for this beginning of the year information session:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85055924276?pwd=VkMydUtXK2ErZTRiT3BKUXNsQmdYUT09>

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, <https://www.connectionsacademy.com/support/resources/article/8-top-tips-for-student-success-in-online-school/>, 8/8/22

Welcome to the Virtual Academy

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 have made some changes based on the feedback we received last year.



Our biggest news is that this year we are planning to run a set schedule. The schedule listed below will run independently from our in-person schedule. This means there will no longer be a rotating schedule for students to navigate through. We have also added an advisory block at the end of the day. Students will report to their advisory for additional help and support on questions they may have from their earlier classes or to receive additional support from their teachers.

As you and your child prepare for the upcoming virtual school year, here are some guidelines and tips to make sure your virtual experience is a great one!

1. Students are to attend class live just as if they were in person.
2. Students' cameras are to be on during class.
3. Students need to be sitting upright in a proper workplace such as a desk or at the kitchen table.

4. Students should be dressed appropriately for school/wearing a uniform is not required.

As we get closer to the start of the school year we will have information on a Chromebook pick-up date and times.

If for any reason you feel that you did not want to continue with the CSDVA you must complete the Choice Termination Form and contact the Education Options office ASAP at 302-552-2665.

Have a great week,

Mr. DeLillio

Principal



School Choice Termination Form.pdf

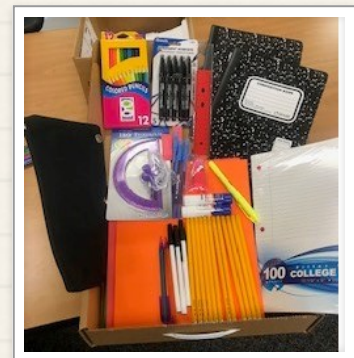
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School Supply List

Kirk Middle School Supply List 2022-2023

School Supplies

- Mouse (USB) – to use with Chromebook
- Earbuds to use with Chromebook
- 2 packs of loose-leaf paper
- 2, 12-count pack of pencils
- 4 composition notebooks
- Erasers
- Highlighters
- 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 * Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 9 *

**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)

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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

