

# **BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ACADEMY AT JAMES D. RYAN**

**PARENT MEETING REGARDING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**



# BCMAR PARENT MEETING

- Please mute your microphone.
- If in a busy space, please turn off your webcam.
- What is learned here, leaves here.
- To honor time, type your questions in the chat.

# INFORMATION

**School begins virtually September 8, 2020  
for all students. (8:30 am - 4:00 pm)**

- Parents may opt-in or opt-out of virtual learning at the start of each six-week grading period.
- Parents may opt for virtual instruction for the 1st semester or the entire year.

# REOPENING TIMELINE

- August 24<sup>th</sup> – Teachers return to work virtually
- September 8<sup>th</sup> – First day of virtual instruction for students
- September 24<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Open House (6:00 pm)
- October 19 – Face-to-face instruction available (pending COVID-19 conditions)
- January 29<sup>th</sup> – Last day of 1<sup>st</sup> semester
- February 1<sup>st</sup> – First day of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- June 11<sup>th</sup> – Last day of school for students

# LEARNING PLATFORMS

## *Microsoft Teams*

- Live lessons in Microsoft Teams
- Whole group and small group instruction
- Lessons will be recorded - students will be able to access them later

## *The HUB*

- Daily lesson activities and assignments will be posted and completed in the HUB.

# INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

## *Asynchronous Instructional Model*

- Teachers deliver short increments of synchronous instruction (live instruction via TEAMS)
- Intermittent teacher interaction
- Students will engage in learning material on their own time.
- Students complete self-paced activities via the HUB & other digital resources (Imagine Learning, Achieve 3000, etc.)

# WAYS TO SUPPORT STUDENT LEARNING

Make sure your student:

- attends online learning daily,
- completes daily assignments, and
- participates during synchronous instruction.

# GRADES WILL COUNT

- Grades will be taken during each grading cycle.
- All cycle grades will be used in the calculation of the final average for any class.
- Students will receive 2 grades per week per subject area.
- Students must complete and submit assignments in the hub.

## REPORT CARD

Math A+

English A+

Science A+

History A



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- Students must participate **daily** and complete assignments in the HUB.
- Students must engage daily even if all work is completed.
- Students must engage prior to 3:30 p.m. or they will be counted absent.
- Parents will receive an absence notification by 6:00 p.m.
- Assignments must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on the same day.



# IN-PERSON LEARNING

- Employees and students will undergo daily screenings.
- Students must have temperatures taken, wear masks, wash hands regularly and practice physical distancing.
- If students are experiencing symptoms, they will be placed in an isolation room. They will need to be picked up.

# IN-PERSON LEARNING

- Visitation will be limited to those who have previously scheduled appointments.
- All visitors must wear masks when inside an HISD building.
- Visitors (HISD VIPS) should utilize virtual meetings.
- Lunch visits are prohibited.
- Non-essential deliveries (food, personal items, homework, etc.) are prohibited.

# IN-PERSON LEARNING

- All staff and students must wear masks.
- Uniforms are not required this year; however, students must be dressed appropriately (no ripped jeans, spaghetti straps, flip flops, etc.) – due to COVID-19.
- Frequent cleaning of high-touch areas on the campus
- No assemblies; no field trips

# PROTOCOLS

- Physical distancing will be required in all HISD schools.
- Students and staff are required to remain 6 feet apart.
- No-touch greetings
- Masks will be provided to staff and students if they do not have one.
- Personal masks must be appropriate for school. Bandanas are not allowed.

# PROTOCOLS

- All individuals must routinely wash and sanitize their hands using soap or hand sanitizer.
- Students and employees are prohibited from sharing materials, supplies, equipment, and other items.
- If sharing is necessary, items must be sanitized between uses.
- High-touch areas will be cleaned and sanitized hourly.

# PROTOCOLS

- Students/staff who become ill will be isolated.
- The nurse will be notified to report exposure, suspected, or confirmed positive COVID-19.
- Exposed areas will be closed for cleaning and disinfection.
- Impacted staff, students, parents will be notified of closures/possible exposures.

# CLOSURE PROTOCOLS

- If the campus has to close, students will resume instruction online/virtually.
- The HUB will be used to deliver instructional content, and Microsoft Teams will be used for video and audio calls.
- Deep cleaning and sanitization will be conducted by HISD Facilities, Maintenance, & Operations team.



# CAMPUS PROTOCOLS

- Classrooms – 6 feet of space between desks
- Students and staff may have staggered schedules (alternate between in-person & virtual learning).
- Parents need to ensure that the school has current phone numbers & contact information.
- Plexiglass guards will be installed at shared workspaces.

# TECHNOLOGY DISTRIBUTION

- Laptop distribution - begins Tuesday, August 25, 2020.
- Check the school's website regarding dates and times for each grade level.
- If a laptop is needed, please email [oamado@houstonisd.org](mailto:oamado@houstonisd.org) to schedule an appointment.

# **BELL SCHEDULE**

School Day – 8:30-4:00 pm

**Review: Dean De Dios**

# VIRTUAL PUP CAMP/ORIENTATION

Dr. Sweeney/Patrice Scott

Saturday, August 29, 2020

9:00am-12:00pm

For incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders

# DO NOT MISS OUT – STAY CURRENT

- Make sure the school has updated contact information.
- School's website – [www.houstonisd.org/academyatryan](http://www.houstonisd.org/academyatryan)
- Reopening – [www.houstonisd.org/reopening](http://www.houstonisd.org/reopening)
- Parent support – [HISD@H.O.M.E.](mailto:HISD@H.O.M.E) - [HoustonISD.org/HOME](http://HoustonISD.org/HOME)
- Twitter – follow us at [BCMAR\\_HISD](https://twitter.com/BCMAR_HISD)

# GRADE-LEVEL LEADERS

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Gnelida DeDios – [gdedios@houstonisd.org](mailto:gdedios@houstonisd.org)
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Kathy Brown – [kbrown42@houstonisd.org](mailto:kbrown42@houstonisd.org)
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade – John Santos – [john.santos@houstonisd.org](mailto:john.santos@houstonisd.org)
- Counselor – Keisha Berry – [kberry@houstonisd.org](mailto:kberry@houstonisd.org)
- Tech Support – Otty Amado – [oamado@houstonisd.org](mailto:oamado@houstonisd.org)

# REMINDERS

This will be a “Year of Flexibility”. It will be “different”, but we will continue to provide excellent instruction for our students.

See you soon!

