



Welcome Back Clay Families!

As you know, the start of the 2020-21 School Year is just around the corner and I wanted to reach out to you to provide you with the latest updates, reminders, and expectations to ensure that your child has an amazing first day at Clay on Tuesday, September 8 at 8:00 am!

Although we will be learning remotely from home to start the school year off, please be aware that during at-home learning, we will be following as much of a normal school day as possible. In an effort to ensure that all of our students receive a high quality education and appropriate instructional support, this year will look a lot different than the remote learning we experienced last year. Here are some important updates:

Attendance will be taken daily at 8:00 and students and teachers will be expected to be online (in their Google Classrooms) throughout the entire school day - 8:00-3:00. All learning will be done on a technology device this fall. Please call the main office at 773 535-5600 if your child is still in need of a technology device.

Throughout the school day, students will engage in live instruction and interactive learning activities with their teachers and classmates, and will also have time to work independently and in small groups. Students will also have a scheduled prep and a lunch each day. Students will be expected to be dressed appropriately and ensure that their work space is also appropriate, free of distractions, and conducive to learning.

We do realize that there will be some challenges as we continue to work together to become comfortable using technology as our main form of teaching and learning. In order to provide you with some technical support and helpful tips help you can use at home as well as allow you time to ask specific questions you may have with regards to technology devices, passwords, how to access Google Classroom, how to see your child's assignments, etc., I have scheduled a **Parent Tech Support Google Meet** that will take place on **Thursday, September 3rd from 10:30-11:30**. To join that Meet, simply go to **meet.google.com** and type in the nickname "computer" and join the session. I encourage

you to take advantage of the "live" training if you need support however, it will be recorded and uploaded to our Clay website - [clay.cps.edu](http://clay.cps.edu) for you to view at your leisure.

In addition, Ms. Milanovic, our techco will be available via phone 773 535-5600 or email [nmilanovic@cps.edu](mailto:nmilanovic@cps.edu) on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 am** to answer any tech questions and provide you with additional support you may need.

This week, the teachers will be reaching out to you with important information, specific to your child and their classroom, that will be necessary for a smooth start of the school year. They will be sharing student passwords and providing Google classroom codes, as well as sharing their daily learning schedule and a list of expected school supplies.

Now, more than ever, communication is key! It is extremely important that the school has an updated emergency form on file with correct phone numbers and email addresses, as this will be the primary way we will communicate important information to you. Please call the main office should any of your personal information change throughout the year and update it as necessary.

Although it may look a little different at the start, I'm looking forward to a great school year and can hardly wait to see all of our students back in the building someday soon!

Feel free to email me at [jllaurincik@cps.edu](mailto:jllaurincik@cps.edu) or Mrs. Hannah at [lyweems-hannah@cps.edu](mailto:lyweems-hannah@cps.edu) with any questions. You can also call the main office between the hours of 8:00-3:00 M-F as well as reach out to your child's individual teacher. All teacher emails as well as updated school information is available through our school website - [clay.cps.edu](http://clay.cps.edu).

See you virtually on September 8th!  
Principal Laurincik

