

April 13, 2020

Dear Paladin Community,

We hope this message finds you and your family healthy and well.

Thank you all for your hard work, flexibility, and grace as we all adjust to distance learning. While we know there will continue to be challenges and problems to solve, we are incredibly proud of how we have all approached this sudden shift to distance learning. We know that changing routines and adjusting to a different reality is not easy. We also know some of us are still working through that change. We want you to know that you are all seen and appreciated. A couple of bright spots in these surreal times:

- We had 52 Court of Honor students for Block 7. A Paladin record!
- Two recent high school graduates!
- A number of community donations to support our families in need.
- Active student engagements in live seminars and accessing Google Classrooms.

Student / Family Conferences

We will be hosting virtual conferences for all of Block 8. Your student's Success Coordinator (SSC) will be connecting with you soon to schedule a virtual conference to review academic progress for the year. We will also use this time to create a success plan for academic and emotional health for the rest of the year and answer any distance learning questions you have. Thanks for taking part in your students conferences and working with us. It takes a village!

Distance Learning Plan Update

We just finished our second week of distance learning and as predicted, there were both success stories and challenges. We all have to continue to work together and have patience as we join the rest of the nation in this transition to a different way of educating students. If you or your students are having challenges engaging with school work, please let us know. We stand ready to help.

Below is an infographic and description of the credit boost and incentives we are offering to our students for Block 8, which have already been communicated with your student. If you, or your students, have questions, please let us know.

- Live Seminars are worth .2 instead of the usual .1 credit each.
- Math worksheets - You only need to complete the odd # questions, and review tests are being waived.
- Online Math (ALEXS / Khan) - 10% progress now = .15 credit
- At the end of the block, depending on how students use their technology for distance learning, everyone has the opportunity to earn up to .1 communication credit.



DISTANCE LEARNING CREDIT BOOST



Daily Seminars
= .2 Credit



Project
Credit Boost



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Earn Up To .1 Language Arts Credit
Per Block For Communicating Digitally

Night School

We are aware that some of our students are working during the day and/or have other responsibilities that make attending live seminars or connecting online a challenge. We are bringing back night school starting this week. Students can now connect with a night school staff from 4pm - 8pm to get academic support.

Thank You

Thank you to our students for their engagement these last two weeks, for their flexibility, and for their problem-solving in this new educational environment. Thank you to the fabulous team of educators for their hard work to make the first two weeks an overall success. Thank you to our board and community members for their continued support. Thank you to our families for their patience and perseverance during this time of transition.

We've got your back; thanks for having ours!

Brandon Wait

Executive Director

Distance Learning Hours:

Staff Hours M-F: 8am - 4:30pm

Student Learning Hours M-F: 9am - 3:30pm

Night School Hours M-Th: 4pm - 8pm

Office Hours M-F 9am - 3pm

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