August 19, 2020

Dear Graham Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! While school looks and feels different in many ways this year, we are proud to say that the elements that make Graham who we are still look and feel the same. Our staff and students continuously strive to embody our Habits of Learning: Adventure & Risk, Perseverance, Self-Direction, Service & Stewardship, and Teamwork & Collaboration. At The Graham School we see these habits in action as both staff and students pursue challenges outside of their comfort zones, solve problems creatively without giving up, take initiative- striving for mastery and expertise in their craft, care for each other and our surroundings, and work together to meet goals. We are Crew, not Passengers!

Along with Habits of Learning, our commitment to the social and emotional education and support of our students, in addition to maintaining rigorous and engaging academics, has never been more important. We created a plan for this school year that we believe will maximize safety, learning, and student support. Our staff has participated in countless hours of professional development to enhance the remote learning experience for both students and families. We understand that these are challenging and unprecedented times yet we are excited for the opportunities that are to come this school year.

Students should consistently check student emails for instructions for the first day of school. Teachers will also be sharing specific expectations for their classes. Learning will be a mix of synchronous (live) and asynchronous (independent) learning.

The first day of school is August 27. The schedule is as follows:

1st period: 8:00-9:00 - No class scheduled. Use this time to get set up and seek out help if you need it.
2nd period: 9:05-10:35 - Email your teacher ahead of time if you don't know how to access this class.
3rd period: 10:40-12:10
Lunch: 12:15-12:55
4th period: 1:00-2:30
Crew: 2:35-3:15

All students are enrolled in a study hall 1st period. This time can be used to catch up on schoolwork, meet remotely with teachers for individual or small group instruction, meet with Intervention Specialists for individualized support, set goals for the day, etc.
If a student is having trouble accessing school email or Schoology, or is having technical difficulties with their Chromebook, please call (614-262-1111) or email (frontdesk@thegrahamschool.org) the front desk for assistance.

As you know, communication is key to student success. Follow up with your student’s crew leader or the front desk for the information you need to access grades and follow progress on PowerSchool. Please check your emails and review our website regularly for updates. Also, make sure you are signed up to receive Remind messages from teachers so that you can stay up to date on what is going on in your student’s classes. Please notify the front desk when your student is going to be absent from synchronous (live) learning or is unable to participate in asynchronous (independent) learning.

Finally, The Graham School considers the safety of all of its students and staff extremely important and a high priority of our work. In case of emergencies, families will be contacted in multiple methods; letters home, our texting communication service - Remind, mass e-mails, through website posts, and/or from an off-campus phone location at GEMS (614) 253-4000.

Looking forward to a fantastic 2020-2021 school year!

Sincerely,
Amy Vickroy, Sarai Correa, & RJ Larry; Deans
STAFF NEWS

Ashley Fecher, Andy Reardon, Gheon Selemon, Marty Judge, Shawn Dyer, and Shayna Noonen are no longer with us at The Graham School. Gheon has accepted a Dean position at our sister school, The Charles School. We will miss them and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors! Sarai Correa will be a full-time Dean at The Graham School this year. Welcome home, Sarai!

Please help us welcome a few new faces to our TGS community! We are thrilled to have the following people join our team this year:

- Chandni Patel, Social Studies Teacher & Freshman Crew
- Chris Roberts, Social Studies Teacher & Sophomore Crew
- Cristina Cross, Math Teacher & Freshman Crew
- Hannah Martin, Intervention Specialist & Sophomore Crew
- Jared Linder, Intervention Specialist & Junior Crew
- Joanne Rhode, Intervention Specialist & Freshman Crew

FALL 2020 APPOINTMENT HOURS

Deans, teachers, and support staff will be available BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Remote appointments may be made by contacting the staff member or the front desk directly to schedule. Appointments may be made from 9:00-3:00 for in-person support according to the following schedule. You MUST wear a mask and practice social distancing. IF the building closes due to the recommendation of Governor DeWine and/or the Franklin County Public Health Department, ALL appointments will be remote.

9th grade teachers
- August 31
- September 14 and 21
- October 5, 12 and 19
- November 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
- December 7

10th grade teachers
- September 1, 8, 15 and 22
- October 6, 13 and 20
- November 3, 10 and 17
- December 1 and 8

11th grade teachers
- September 2, 9, 16 and 23
- October 7, 14 and 21
- November 4, 11 and 18
- December 2 and 9

12th grade teachers
- September 3, 10, 17 and 24
- October 1, 8 and 15
- November 5, 12, 19 and 24
- December 3