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WE ARE THE DREAM BUILDERS, 2020 - 2021

August 7, 2020

Greetings Hawthorne Academy Scholars and Families!

Summer break is rapidly ending, and we hope that you have enjoyed each moment of summer as we continue to endure during these unprecedented times. We are looking forward to the first day of school, and we are excited about each incoming 9th grade scholar and new scholars entering the Academy of Health Sciences or the Military, Global Leadership and Public Safety Academy. Thank you for choosing Hawthorne Academy for the 2020 - 2021 school year! We are eagerly preparing for the first day of school in the **Plan C, Full Remotely / Full Remote Academy (FRA) phase**, on Monday, August 17, 2020.

We continue to operate as *“One School. One Voice. One Vision. #HawthorneAcademy”*. Each year the new addition of programs at our school, continues to solidify the pathways for college and career readiness for all Hawthorne scholars. We value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education and look forward to working with you and your family throughout this school year.

What to expect as we start the school year in Full Remote status:

1. All scholars are receiving their schedules with this mailing – it is the schedule that they will follow for the 2020 – 2021 school year.
2. The Bell Schedule that we are planning to follow at this time, has also been included with this letter. We will plan to follow, even remotely, the bell schedule as our school year is started in the **Plan C, Full Remote / FRA** phase until otherwise noted.
3. Please review the “Virtual Family CANVAS Connects” that has been provided in English and in Spanish with the mailing. It will be very important for families to understand the how their scholars will use Canvas as the CMS Learning Management System for students in grades Pre-K – 12.
4. We are planning to offer Virtual Back-to-School Town Hall Meetings that will start the first week of school. Please stay tuned for additional information regarding how to sign-up for the Virtual Town Hall Meetings.
5. All CMS scholars should still have the Chromebook, as well as the Hot Spot, that was issued during the 2019 – 2020 school year. If you are in need of a Chromebook due to being new to the District or something happened to your initial Chromebook, we will provide a date to issue new Chromebooks and sign-up for a Hot Spot, if needed.
6. Daily Attendance Requirements: As we go into the new school year under the **Plan C, Full Remote / Full FRA** phase, the daily attendance of all scholars will be extremely important. **One or more of the following student learning activities performed on a school day constitutes that a student is “present off-site”:**
 - a. Present for live online instruction for 51% or more of the scheduled time
 - b. Submits classwork within a 1-day of assigned date
 - c. Evidence of engagement with the course content
 - d. Two-way course content-related communication between student and teacher
 - e. Absent for live online instruction; but watches recording of instruction on same day by 11:59 pm

Engaging in one or more of the five remote learning activities serves as evidence that the student is “present off-site.” In the event that a student is not “present off-site” and/or there has been limited, or “zero-contact” in five (5) or more consecutive days, please note that a home visit by our school SRO with/without a Student Services School Support Team Member may happen. Student presence in the **Plan C, Full Remote / FRA** phase is essential and we want all of our Hawthorne Academy Hawks to experience success this 2020 – 2021 school year!

As we move into the new school year, you will find pertinent information that will be helpful for the upcoming school year. Please review this information to prepare accordingly as your scholar returns to school:

Emergency Information: It is very important that we have accurate contact information for your scholar on file in the event need to contact you and/or your scholar throughout the **Plan C, Full Remote / FRA** phase. Our School Registrar, Counselors, and Student Support Services Contact Team will review student data to ensure we have the most update phone numbers and email addresses for scholars’ parent / guardians. Please provide any updated information to our School Registrar, Ms. Jenelle Pickett, in the event that your contact information has changed. Thank you!

Class Schedules: A class schedule has been included with this letter. In the event that a scholar’s schedule needs to be changed, changes are made during the first 10 days of school. Any schedule change for a 4x4 Course (Course that is offered every day and is semester long) you will have until August 26, 2020 to submit a schedule change. Any A- / B-Day Course, you will have until September 9, 2020 to submit a schedule change. Schedule changes are made for the following reasons:

- A senior needs a course that counts towards the graduation requirements;
- A prerequisite for a course has not been met;
- A level change is needed and/or recommended;
- A course that you are registered to take has previously, and successfully, been completed;
- There is a scheduling error.

If your course request is to change an elective course, a counselor will review the request before a change is made. As a small school, we have limited elective courses and the course change request is not always an option. We have registered most students for the courses that were requested and/or needed as requirements for graduation from high school. The Schedule Change form is forthcoming electronically and will be located on the Counselors’ Student Support Services page. Once the document has been completed and acknowledged by both the scholar and the parent/guardian, the Counselors will process the document and notify the scholar of the changes.

Agendas: Due to school taking place in the **Plan C, Full Remote / FRA** phase at this time, all Student Agendas and Family Information will be provided in an electronic document to be housed in Canvas and our school’s websites and uploaded to all scholar’s Chromebooks after the first day of school. We will review pertinent items of the document during the Virtual Back-to-School Town Hall Meetings. It is extremely important for all families to know where this document is located as the annual school calendar of Teacher Workdays, Holidays, Early Release Days, Winter and Spring Breaks. Right now. At this time, the District’s calendar is still in the format of the revised Plan B+ Remote with the identified A, B and C Cohort attendance days – please disregard those days as everyone will start at the same time on August 17, 2020.

School Meals: **VERY IMPORTANT** – The CMS District will continue to provide meals for all students up to the age of 18. Please ensure that you are aware of school meal sites located in closest in proximity to your home. We will also keep everyone updated with any changes / modifications to this process.

Transportation: Once our District moves into the next phase per the NC Department of Public Instruction, mandates from our Governor Roy Cooper, as well as updates from our District Superintendent, Mr. Earnest Winston, we will do our very best to keep all Hawthorne Academy High School scholars and families in the loop of communication. At this time, there is no schedule / routes for transportation as our school year will start in the **Plan C, Full Remote / FRA** phase for all students.

We are truly excited about this school year, **“One School. One Voice. One Vision. #HawthorneAcademy”**. We are the Home of the Hawks! (“Hawk! Hawk! Hawk!”) All Hawthorne Academy Faculty and Staff members are deeply committed to providing a rigorous and engaging curriculum for your scholar and ensuring their success as they prepare for their future endeavors toward college and career readiness! We also know that we cannot do this without you!

We look forward to serving the needs of your Hawthorne Hawk this 2020 – 2021 school year!

Yours truly,

Diann N. Weston



Ms. Diann N. Weston, MAT, CAS Ed. L.

Principal

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Daily Schedule:
Full Remote / FRA
Learning Schedule

- During the first two weeks of school the Daily Schedule will be revised for Homeroom Enrollment/Attendance purposes.



1st Block	8:00am-9:15am
SEL	9:25am - 10:10am
2nd Block	10:20am - 11:35am
Lunch Break	11:35pm - 12:05pm
3rd Block	12:05pm - 1:20pm
4th Block	1:30pm - 2:45pm

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Virtual Back-to-School Night Information 2020 - 2021

Freshman – 9th Grade, Tuesday, August 18, 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Sophomores – 10th Grade, Wednesday, August 19, 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Juniors & Seniors – 11th & 12th Grades, Thursday, August 20, 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Zoom Link will post Monday, August 17, 2020...Stay tuned!