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Vincent Academy Community,

Currently, the 2020-21 school year will begin on August 10th in Phase 1, characterized by a full implementation of Distance Learning. The designation of Phase 1, 2 or 3 status is determined by County and State Officials. When and if we do move to a Phase 2 model, Vincent Academy, like many schools, is considering a hybrid model of instruction that will engage students at school for in-person learning for a limited number of days each week. The status of before and after school care during a Phase 2 opening will be determined at that time.

Communication between the VA staff and VA families is always important, however the limits of our ability to connect in person inherent to the Distance Learning Phase, mean that we need to be extra clear about how we are moving forward.

Family/School connections will provide the foundation for growth and learning. The following agreements are critical to student participation and success. Please let us know if you have anything to add:

- Please make certain you have all student materials and/or check in if anything is needed. We are providing student supply bins for each student in an attempt to help with organization.
- Please understand the class schedule and the assignments with the help of the teacher.
- Please have students online for required lessons and inform the teacher and/or the Director of Technology if you need help.
- Please check-in on completion of all independent work.
- It is important that both the school and our families respond promptly to phone calls, texts and/or emails and contact information is updated.
- Please Inform the teacher if your student is struggling or needs help.
- Please inform the teacher if your student will be participating from a different household(s) from time to time and provide that contact information.
- Please ask for assistance at any time.

The beginning of school is traditionally a period to develop relationships with families. Since most of our staff will be looping, that is, taking the students to the next grade, we have a head start on that!

We will continue to use the One Call system, text and emails, so **please make sure we have your correct contact information.** I cannot emphasize enough how important that is. If you are not receiving One Calls, please leave a phone message.

On Weds, Thursday and Friday, August 5th-7th, we will distribute student bins that include materials (pencils, sharpeners, crayons, etc.), independent student work packets and chromebooks. Distribution times will be 7:30-5:30 on each day. Social distancing and masks will be required.

For the first week of school, August 10- 14th, boxed meals will be distributed on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3 PM. For the following weeks, the meal distribution will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3 PM.

Teachers will provide their classroom schedules by the end of the week. They will continue to remind students about health practices, provide social and emotional instruction as well as specific intervention and behavioral support. Music instruction and Reading Partners will continue. Our SPED team is returning with best practices as their guide.

Class lists will be posted outside on Weds., August 5th at 5PM

The school calendar is posted here and will be distributed again next week.

During this period, the school will provide access only to staff and that is with great caution. We have protocols in place for everything, from not using the refrigerator to accessing the copy room.

Check in with any questions.

We embrace you (at a distance) in this journey.

Be Well!

Ms. C