



Palouse School District

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August 20, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

This letter is to share with you information to help in your planning over the next couple of weeks as we prepare for the 2020/2021 school year. The Elementary and High School openings, with dates and times, are provided and you are welcome to visit with your son/daughter's teacher(s) or myself for further information.

Our goal is to start school and be able to slowly transition from online to in person learning as soon as circumstances allow, and to make as seamless a transition as possible. For students, material will be located on their google classroom sites and links will be provided for student/parent access. **Attendance is required daily and will be taken through meets and/or through student classrooms daily questions.** If a student will miss material, please email/contact your teacher(s) and make arrangements.

Elementary

Palouse elementary will hold classes in a synchronous (*live*) format from 8:10 am to 11:15 am daily, with additional assistance and asynchronous (*on-demand*) time in the afternoon from 12:15 pm to 3:00 pm. All students will have a chromebook checked out to them for school use. For the younger grades, chromebooks will have preloaded material and/or links.

Week of August 24-28: Teachers will send letters with invitations to pick up appropriate materials needed for class, and student chromebooks

August 31 – September 1: Evening virtual orientation for your student's classroom

September 2: First day of school

High School

Garfield-Palouse High School will provide both synchronous (*live*) and asynchronous (*on-demand*) classes daily starting at 11:30 am and ending at 3:00 pm. All students will have a chromebook checked out to them for school. For students on work study, in running start, or with conflicts, asynchronous material/instruction will be posted on students google classroom. If you anticipate having difficulty attending, be sure to touch base with your teacher(s) and workout arrangements.

August 25 and 27: Chromebook / Material pick-up (5:00-7:00 pm)

East side of building in the courtyard/library entrance

- *Please contact the school and schedule a time during the day (8:00 am – 3:00 pm) for pickup if Aug 25 and 27 do not work*

Before August 31/Sept 1, please login and accept invitation to classrooms

August 31: Evening virtual orientation for your student's classroom

6:00 to 8:00 pm, Odd Classes (1, 3, 5, 7), :30 min per classroom

September 1: Evening virtual orientation for your student's classroom

6:00 to 8:00 pm, Even Classes (4, 6, 8), :30 min per classroom

September 2: First day of school (1st period, 11:30 am)

Teaching and Learning online is a challenge for staff, students and parents alike, and we know with schedules and grade levels these challenges are compounded. To this end, the secondary will hold a virtual open house the evenings of August 31 (*Odd classes*) and September 1 (*Even Classes*). Orientation will be :30 minutes in length for each class and cover the course objectives, syllabus/expectations and the resources the teacher will use in their virtual environment and visit about synchronous and asynchronous portions of the classroom. Each teacher will use Google Classroom as their platform and provide links and videos through this medium. Each high school student should use their school email to access (*grad year + 1st four letters of last name + 1st three letters of first name @garpal.net; eg: 93jonemik@garpal.net*). Invitations to join classes will be sent through this email so students can log on through **meets** (*video portion of classroom*) in their classrooms.

For Elementary, teachers are sending information out regarding their own virtual open house and material pickups. If you have not received information or need to reschedule times, please contact your child's teacher via email to set up a time, or contact the school for additional information.

The new year is always exciting and we look forward to working with all of our families. We are also aware that this year brings a great deal of uncertainty, please do not hesitate to contact your teacher(s) or the school for assistance. For technology questions and support, please email helpdesk@garpal.net or contact your teacher. You may also call the school to speak with Trevor Villa about your technology needs.

Attendance

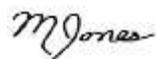
Attendance is required for students in classes and teachers will be presenting material daily. We also understand that schedules and life do not always allow for consistent attendance, and an asynchronous portion to class is provided, and posted to the classroom. Daily questions and material will be used to monitor attendance.

Availability

Teachers are working from their classrooms and are in the building from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Elementary teachers are available for conference and meetings from 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm and the High School from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, or during their scheduled breaks during the day (covered in orientation).

We hope that we are all back in the building sooner than later. Please check our website frequently for information on meals, changes to schedules/times, and other important information regarding our reopening. Thank you for your continued support and GO VIKINGS!

Sincerely,



Mike Jones