



Greetings Parents!

As the principal of Stewart County High School, I am enthusiastic and delighted to serve our children for the 2020-2021 school year. As we approach the new school year, the safety of students and staff are of my upmost concern. As we come into an era of distance learning, academic excellence continues to be the #1 KNIGHTS expectation. Attendance and effort will also be the driving focus for a successful distance learning educational environment.

The School Level Leadership Team will be the decision making body to strengthen our strategies, procedures, rituals and routines in order to best meet the needs of our students with the distance learning Option for the 1st Nine Weeks. As we embark upon this year, we readily accept the challenge in making this school year productive for each of our students. As we launch into distance learning education, our staff is ready to continue our vision and mission for the students of Stewart County Schools! With the help of our staff, students, parents, and stakeholders, we can make this year successful for all students as One Team.

Our staff is eager and ready to carry out the Stewart County Schools' mission, **"To Provide a Quality Education for All Students"**. While we recognize the challenges that distance learning will have on families and communities; the District's vision, **"To Become One of the Highest Performing School District in the State of Georgia"** will remain our priority and focus. Thank you for your continued support and positivity as we strive to do the best for ALL during these challenging times.

Dr. Joseph Gardner, Principal

Our Theme is "Be A Light in Our Community"!

Virtual Open House

The Virtual Open House for Stewart County High School is scheduled for Thursday, July 30, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Teachers will post their Departmental Link for the Virtual Open House on the District Website. General information will be provided to parents during the Virtual Open House. Student's schedules have been emailed to student's school email accounts and are available via Infinite Campus. Our instructional hours are from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Fridays will be used for small groups and one on one instruction for select students.

Online Registration

For your safety, parents are asked to complete the On Line Parent Information Package posted on our District Website. Instructions are also posted on line. Parents of new enrollees will be asked to upload required documents – birth certificate, social security card, proof of address (utility bill in the parent's name), and parent's identification. Our Online Registration (Permission Click) is a secure system with... The contactless registration is another way the schools are trying to keep everyone safe by limited contact.

Teachers' Schedule

Teachers work schedule will be from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Teachers' schedules have been adjusted to accommodate time for those students who need support in smaller groups, one on one, or with adult supervision. Teachers will be available to parents until 5:00 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Technology Devices

Each student will be issued their own personal device after parents have completed the Online Technology Agreement. A parent's identification card will be required (license or identification card). Only one device will be issued per student for student use only. Inappropriate sites will be flagged and the student can lose the privilege of using a school issued device. Parents will be responsible for lost, damaged or stolen devices. Chromebooks cost \$230.00 and iPads cost approximately \$300 each. Devices not returned to the school will be reported as stolen with the law enforcement. It will be essential that students maintain their device to complete on line lessons and interact with the teachers. While students will be trained to use a variety of technology tools, - the following technology tools will be required - Google Classroom, Google Documents, Google Meet and/or Zoom.

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Hot Spots

The District has purchased Hotspots to place in select areas of the community to ensure the internet services are available to all students. We hope that we will be able to connect all students to the World Wide Web especially during this COVID 19 Pandemic which currently hinders us from face-to-face instruction.

Google Classroom

Students are asked to log in to their teacher’s Google Classroom Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. to be instructed in the various classes. Students will be expected to follow online rituals and routines for Distance Learning and complete their tasks and assessments. Teachers will provide extra support in small groups on Fridays to select students. Grades will be taken.

Assessments

The Georgia Milestones End of Course Tests have been suspended for this school year; however, students will be given daily assessments, weekly assessments, and Nine Weeks Exams. If students are in attendance daily, attentive to their teachers, and complete their tasks, we are confident that we can meet the needs of your child even during Distance Learning. Students must earn a grade of 70 in order to pass their classes. The grading scale is as listed – 90 – 100 A, 89-80 B, 79-70 C, 69 and below F. Teachers will provide extra support in small groups on Fridays to select students. Progress Reports and Report Cards will not be mailed and students grades will be uploaded into Infinite Campus each Tuesday afternoon. Parents will review report cards and progress reports on Parent Portal.

Meals

Meals will be delivered by the paraprofessional and bus drivers on Mondays and Wednesdays. These meals will be issued to all students enrolled the Stewart County Schools.

Communication

While we will have a “No Visitors” Policy during the 1st Nine Weeks of School, teachers will be in continuous communication with the students and parents. Teachers will communicate with parents through phone calls, email, texts, Virtual Meetings (Zoom, and Google Meet), Facebook, Remind, progress reports and report cards. Parents please make sure that the school has a current phone number and your email address.

Remind Communication

Parents are asked to please accept the teacher’s invitation to Remind as the primary means to communicate about their child’s daily progress.

Parent Portal

Parents can view their child’s progress in the Parent Portal. Instructions will be posted for you to access your child’s academic progress in Infinite Campus.

After School Program

The Virtual After-School Program will begin on Monday, August 24, 2020. Parents may enroll their children online when the applications are released by the 21st CCLC Director, Mrs. Tawnya Hadley. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Hadley at 229.838.4374 and our Fax Number is 229.838.6801.

The Distribution Plan for the Devices is listed below.

High school students can pick up devices at any time on July 29th, 30th, and 31st during the hours of 9:00 – 3:00. Parents with more than one child will be allowed to pick up all devices on one day. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Knights A+ Parents,

