

Re: Textbook distribution tomorrow, scholarships for seniors and much more



*For Thursday, January 21*

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*Last reminder...*

**Textbook distribution for second-semester virtual students**

We will be collecting textbooks from 1st semester and distributing second semester texts and materials on Thursday Jan 21st.

- Students should arrive at the Centre St. Entrance. Please wear a mask.
- Face to Face Learners will receive texts the week of January 25th.
- Call 269-323-5200 with any questions.

Virtual Students with Last Names	Arrive between...	...or between
A, B, C	1:00 P.M. AND 1:30 P.M.	5:00 P.M. AND 5:30 P.M.
D, E, F, G	1:30 P.M. AND 2:00 P.M.	5:30 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M.
H, I, J, K, L	2:00 P.M. AND 2:30 P.M.	6:00 P.M. AND 6:30 P.M.

M, N, O, P	2:30 P.M. AND 3:00 P.M.	6:30 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M.
Q, R, S, T	3:00 P.M. AND 3:30 P.M.	7:00 P.M. AND 7:30 P.M.
U, V, W, X, Y, Z	3:30 P.M. AND 4:00 P.M.	7:30 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M.

**Face-to-face freshmen and new students getting tours of PC on the first day in the building, on Jan. 25**

Just a reminder that we will have tours for all freshmen and new students to PC on January 25th. When your 9th grader or new student arrives that morning, they will be directed to a location in the building to begin their tour. This will last about 20 minutes, and then they will return to their 1st-hour class. You and your student will be receiving an email today with all the information you will need for that day. Please read through it carefully to ensure you have all the information you need. If you have any questions, call Nikki Smith, Activities Director, at 269-323-5265. .

**Seniors, interested in money for college?**

There is still time to apply for the Portage Education Foundation scholarships. The deadline is February 15, 2021. Learn more about the PEF and apply [here!](#)

**Prom 2021**

We have many questions about the possibility of Prom happening this year. Unfortunately, the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts has canceled all indoor events this year, so we cannot hold it there. We are looking at all options both inside and outside, but at this time, because of COVID-19 restrictions neither one is an option. However, please know that we are doing everything within our power to explore the possibilities in the weeks and months ahead to see what is possible. We will definitely keep you in the loop as we learn more.

**Free breakfast and lunch for everyone!**

Your Mustang Café staff is thrilled to have more of you returning for Face-to-Face Learning! We have missed you! We want to remind you that ALL breakfast and lunches for students will be free through the end of the school year! So as you return at this new semester, head on down to the Mustang café and take advantage of free meals!

*Just a few reminders...*

**Lunch passes and parking privileges**

All Face-to-Face students are eligible for a free lunch pass this semester only. Parents and guardians received an email with an [electronic permission slip](#). If they give the OK, students will need to get a

sticker for your ID at the Welcome Center. New students will get IDs as well. Too, again with parent permission, all students can park in the student parking lot. Still, you do need to register your vehicle at the Welcome Center.

**Breakfasts and lunches are FREE for all students through June 11th**

We are also providing Friday, Saturday and Sunday meals packs that our F2F students will be able to take home with them on Thursday when they leave. And, we are also still providing pick up meals for virtual learning students on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:45am - 9:00 am in the back parking lot near the receiving dock. Ala carte items for sale for the students during the lunch periods too.

**Online learning for ALL students (no building access) on Tuesday, January 26.**

For those registered to take the PSAT on that day, please report to the Welcome Center by 7:40 a.m. Due to the administration of the PSAT/NMSQT on Tuesday, January 26, please note that this will be an asynchronous learning day, which means there will be no students in the building except those taking the PSAT. There will be no synchronous class meetings virtually and no classes meeting in-person on January 26.

*Just a reminder, if you are an online student in the 3rd quarter...*

**Remember to turn your camera on**

This is a change to our practice from the first semester. Back in August we chose to allow students to have cameras off based primarily on concerns about privacy; what happens behind you in your home is your business and no one else's. But since then, Google Meet has added features that allow you to blur your background or to add your own background with a picture. As always, for high-quality learning to happen, relationships matter. Those relationships happen through communication, and so much of human communication are the nonverbal messages we send -- messages teachers can only see when you have your cameras on. For sure we will allow for exceptions, though, for things like bandwidth issues or health-related concerns. Please share those concerns with your teachers. Thanks, all -- and it will be good to see you.

Glad to see some of you folks next week,

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