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Welcome to 2021!

Beginning on Monday, January 25, the students will be returning full-time to school for the Second Semester of the 2020-2021 school year. Only those students who met the criteria and properly registered for remote learning will be considered for continuation on the remote learning plan during the Second Semester. Recently, we have had several parents request that their child be removed from the remote learning option and placed in the full-time, in-person instructional model. Since we strongly encourage this option, we will allow parents to make this change to full-time, in-person learning by contacting our Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Ginny Potter at 937-372-6941, ext. 1156 prior to January 12. These modifications will begin at the start of Second Semester.

January 19 will be a non-student day to allow teachers and staff to participate in professional development activities as they prepare for Second Semester changes.

Modifications for 2nd Semester:

Here are a few changes that will occur for students in the Second Semester:

- The Governor has removed required quarantine periods for Ohio students after research confirms lower risks for the spread of the virus when students and teachers are properly masked and following proper COVID safety protocols.
- Previous to this letter, parents were asked to respond to the survey in order to register their student for full-time, in-person learning or remote learning for academics. Initially, parents/students who chose to have academic instruction remotely will be required to complete the semester remotely. The decision has been made to allow students to return to in-person learning at the end of third quarter if they are struggling to meet academic requirements remotely. However, if in-person instruction for academics has been chosen, students will remain in the "in-person" instructional model for the rest of the school year.
- Juniors and Seniors will still continue to follow the rotation schedule of all-day academics and all-day labs. For the Third Quarter Juniors will have their academic classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with career-tech lab days on Tuesday and Thursday. Seniors will have their academic classes on Tuesday and Thursday with career tech lab days on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Students in the Engineering and Aviation classes will continue to follow the senior rotation schedule. In the Second Semester, all academic classes will be a combined but with a delineated 'period' schedule. Each class will be two class periods in length.

Students choosing remote learning will be using Edmentum curriculum, an online, self-paced student learning system. This program provides students with their own on-line access to the academic materials and an assigned teacher from each content area to conduct office hours during the day and assist in monitoring students' progress. Different from the remote learning model students experienced in the first semester, Edmentum is designed for students who are highly motivated and have the ability to manage their own learning. This program involves higher levels of accountability for work completion, meeting certain timelines with assignments etc.

Students who are currently enrolled in College Credit Plus (CCP), Advanced Placement (AP), and/or articulated credit courses and **CHOOSING THE REMOTE LEARNING OPTION** will be expected to participate via Teams during the times in the school day in which these classes are taught. Although class sessions are recorded, students will still be responsible to participate in class discussions, small group sessions and classroom activities that contribute to students' grades. GCCC has purchased appropriate technology to make this type of instruction as seamless as possible for both the teachers and students. The courses that will require this simultaneous participation are the following:

Composition I - ENG 1101

Composition II - ENG 1201

AP US Government and Politics

College Algebra - MTH 1280

Introductory Statistics - MTH 1450

Interpersonal Comm. –COM220

Anatomy/Physiology – BIO1107/1108 (Sinclair)

Introductory to Software Applications – BIS1120 (Sinclair)

- Intervention for students needing academic assistance will still be available. Students will no longer be pulled from their lab for assistance with homework or reteaching of assignments. Teachers will do that type of intervention work with students in their respective classrooms during the two-class period times. Remote learning students will be assigned to an Edmentum schedule. Each Edmentum course will have an assigned teacher from the department. Any student who wants to remain a remote learner must have a cumulative 1.75 GPA (C-) or higher in the first semester.
- Student Pick-up: Parents and/or guardians of SENIORS will continue to pick up their child on the road entrance closest to the flagpole. Parents and/or guardians of JUNIORS will use the same entrance **as student parking and drive around to the back of the building**. These vehicles should proceed to the signage near the walkway entrance/exit before the cafeteria area (*near the Criminal Justice Classroom*).
- The Greene County Career Center is planning on having sophomore students from Greene County schools attend Career Awareness Days on January 15, January 20 – 22. School will be closed for students on Tuesday, January 19 for professional development purposes.

Greene County Career Students will not report to school on Career Awareness Days but instead must complete two activities related to future careers and educational opportunities. Appropriate forms for each activity may be found on the GCCC website **along with the required survey**. All signed forms, for the out-of-school career experiences, must be turned in by January 29, 2021 to receive attendance credit. Otherwise, students will receive two excused absences for each required activity they miss.

On January 15, students may be asked to report to GCCC for interventions by their instructor. If a student is asked to attend for interventions and instructional assistance, we strongly urge the student to participate as this is the last day of school for the First Semester and the last chance to submit work or make-up assignments. Contact Mr. Jason Miller, Supervisor of Student Affairs (jmiller@greenecc.com), if you foresee transportation issues for your student on this day.

As we enter into the Second Semester, we are grateful for another opportunity to partner with you and positively build into your child's life. If we can answer any questions or be of assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



Ginny Potter, Assistant Superintendent



Dr. Pamela Downing, Director of Secondary Education