

# **EDA Parent Academy 2.0**

**October 29, 2020**

**4:00 PM**



# Agenda

- Introduction to Administrative Team and Counselors
- Tips and Tricks for Transition to 100% Virtual Instruction
  - Coping Strategies & Time Management
  - Community Agencies – Supports for Students/Families
- Schedule – Began October 16, 2020
- Attendance
- Technology
  - Expectations and Protocols
  - Schoology
  - Parent/Student Portal
  - Technology Support
- Grades
  - Progress Reports
  - Parent Teacher Conferences



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are...

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# Did You Know?

## Our school counselors are...



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# What is a School Counselor?

- A school counselor is a professional member of the school staff, who has been trained to address the personal, academic and career concerns of students in New York State schools.
- School counselors are certified educators who assist all students, parents, teachers and administrators. The primary role of the school counselor is to help students as they seek to identify and achieve personal goals, as well as academic goals. The school counselor is an advocate for students. School counselors work with students individually or in groups, and with parents.
- School counselors counsel, consult and coordinate. They refer families to other resources within the school community, when necessary. The school counselor is a resource for all students and their families- and can be a source of support.



# The Role of a School Counselor

- The role of the school counselor is to assist students with ANY issues or concerns that they may have. We are here to listen and help students find solutions. As educators, we can teach social skills, friendship skills and how to solve social dilemmas.
- In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, students are introduced to their counselor and work with this counselor through the end of 9<sup>th</sup> grade. **The counselor will meet with them regularly as needed and annually for their state mandated Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) and Career Plan.** As part of the student's transition process into 10<sup>th</sup> grade, your School Counselor will share relevant information with their counselor from Elmira High School. The student will then work with one counselor throughout their time at EHS.
- Please feel free to contact us at any time!



# Transitioning to learning during COVID-19

**“ THIS IS A  
NEW YEAR.**

**A NEW  
BEGINNING.**

**AND THINGS  
WILL CHANGE.**

**”**



# Coping Strategies

## Time Management

- Get on a Routine
- Set Daily Goals and Schedule

## Limit Screen Time

- Exercise
- Set "Media Free" Time
- Talk on the Phone over Texting

## Offer Choices

- Give Children Some Control
- Examples: Dinner, Movie, Game

## Attitude of Fortitude

- Focus on what you are Grateful for
- Encourage students and self-motivation & optimism will emerge



## Did you know?

If you or your child are struggling during these trying times, we can make referrals to **community agencies** to support you.

- **Children's Integrated Services**

\_CIS facilitators assist students with behavioral and/or emotional issues. Services include strengthening family relationships and communication skills, increasing student engagement, creating safety plans, making referrals and identifying a need for higher level of care.

- **Glove House Mentoring Program**

The School Mentor Caseworker provides academic support for students in their home, school and home/virtual setting to encourage increased academic performance, attendance and work completion.

- **APEX After School Program**

We anticipate this program to start November 9th. It will be all virtual.

- **ECSD Tutoring Hotline**

Assistance is available through Zoom for students or parents struggling with academic work.

- **Family Services**

\_Family Services has a therapist available at EDA for crisis counseling and social/emotional development. We can make referrals anytime, regardless of whether your child is in the building or not. Counseling sessions take place via Zoom.

# Did you know?

New Schedules began on October 16, 2020!

- Students and families were emailed a copy of new schedules on October 15, 2020.
  - If you did not receive yours, please reach out to your student's counselor or the EDA main office.
- Students will follow the new schedule **Monday – Friday**.
- Students will follow the new schedule **in-person or virtually**.

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9:00-9:45	Math
9:45-10:30	PE
10:30-11:15	FACS
11:15-11:40	Lunch
11:40-12:25	SS
12:25-1:10	Science
1:10-1:55	Art/Study Hall
1:55-2:40	Spanish
2:40-3:25	ELA

## What does this mean?

The new schedule impacts daily student learning and engagement.

- Students are expected to follow their daily schedule and participate in lessons.
  - There will be live synchronous instruction every day.
  - Students should complete independent asynchronous assignments during the assigned class period.
- School day begins at 9:00 AM for both in-person and virtual instruction.
- Students who are not enrolled in Reading, do NOT need to check in with anyone specific if Study Hall is listed on their schedule.



## **Did you know?**

Some students are enrolled in courses that may not be found on the schedule that was emailed home .

- **Reading**

- Students will meet with their Reading teacher two times per week.
- These time slots have been communicated to students and families by teachers and/or counselors.

- **Chorus**

- 7th Grade Ensemble meets Wednesdays at 8:15-9:00
- 8th Grade Ensemble meets Wednesdays at 3:00-3:45

- **Band/Orchestra**

- Lessons are held on a rotating basis each week.
- Lesson times for students are communicated by teachers.



## Did you know?

Attendance is taken daily in-person AND virtually.

It is State Mandated that during times when school is virtual, students are logging into Schoology and are actively engaged in coursework.

- Daily attendance will be taken in student's first period class.
- Period attendance will be taken in each student's class.
  - Students should follow his/her schedule, if possible.
- Students should be logging into Schoology each day.
- Recordings of essential learning will be posted in each course for students that are unable to attend live instruction or need to go back to review material.



# Did you know?

## ECSD Code of Conduct applies to Virtual Learning

### Students Rights and Responsibilities

- Contribute to maintaining a safe and orderly school environment that is conducive to learning and to show respect to other persons and to property.
- Respond to direction given by teachers, administrators and other school personnel in a respectful manner.
- Dress appropriately for school and school functions.
- Conduct themselves in a way that fosters an environment free from intimidation, harassment, bullying and discrimination and to report and encourage others to report any incidents of intimidation, harassment, bullying or discrimination.
- The use of the ECSD Wide Area Network and student accounts must be in support of educational objectives of the ECSD. Transmission of any material in violation of any US or State regulation is prohibited.
- The use of the Network is a privilege and inappropriate use could result in a cancellation of those privileges.





# Did you know?

## There is an Etiquette for Virtual School.


To ensure that teachers can effectively support students, students should have their cameras on during class meetings. When teachers can see students, they are better able to check in with students, assess whether they understand the learning, and provide needed assistance.

- **Have Materials Ready**
  - Be ready for your virtual classroom time. Gather any materials you need ahead of time.
- **Stay in One Spot During the Zoom**
- **Don't Use a Fun Background**
  - Find a spot in your house that has a simple background and has good lighting.
- **Know When and How to Mute**
  - When your device picks up any sound, your computer grabs your screen and puts you front and center.
  - Turn on mute and keep it on until it is your time to speak.
- **Find a Quiet Spot**
  - To avoid distraction for you and other, find a quiet spot in your house.
  - Use headphones, if available, in order to block out other sounds in your house.
- **Be on Time**
- **Wait your Turn**
- **Be Presentable**
- **Be Respectful**



# Did you know?

## Schoology is the Learning Management System for the District.

- Students should be logging into Schoology **every** day. There are many different ways to access Schoology.
  - Visit ECSD website and click the Schoology icon in the top right corner. 
  - Visit through your web browser [www.express.schoology.com](http://www.express.schoology.com)
  - Download app through mobile device.
- All courses for students can be found in Schoology.
  - If there have been schedule changes and students are seeing multiple classes, they can rearrange the order of courses.
    - Click Courses on Top of Screen
    - Click on My Courses in the Top Right-hand Side
    - Click Reorder Courses on the Right-hand Side
    - Click and Drag Courses in the Order of Choice



# Did you know?


## Parents have Accounts on Schoology.

- Here is a brief video of the functions of a parent account versus a student account.
- On the ECSD website, under the Families tab, you can find a "Quick Start Guide for Schoology".



## Did you know?

Assignments may be graded in Schoology; however, Student/Parent Portal will capture final grades!

- To review assignments in **Schoology**, follow the steps outlined below:
  - Click Grades on the Top of the Screen
  - Click Grade Report
  - Review Each Course
    - If your teacher utilizes the gradebook in Schoology, you will be able to click on the link to review the assignment.
- To access **Student/Parent Portal**, follow the steps outlined below:
  - Visit the Elmira City School District website: [www.elmiracityschools.com](http://www.elmiracityschools.com)
  - In the top right corner, click on the SchoolTool icon. 
  - Enter login credentials:
    - Student username: lastname-firstname password: student ID (lunch number)
    - Parent receives login information at the time of enrollment.
      - **If you need access to ParentPortal, please contact your student's school counselor.**



# Did you know?

If you are struggling with technology, we are here to support you!

## Important Login Information:

### Parent/Student Schoolology 101



Schoolology  
Username: lastname-firstname  
Password: Student ID (Lunch Number)

Schoolology Information page located on the ECSD website under Families tab.



Class Kick  
Username: lastname-firstname@el.gstbooces.org  
Password: Student ID (Lunch Number)



Need Specific Help?

Call Mrs. Harper  
(607) 735-3130

Send Email  
techhelp@elmiracityschools.com



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# Did you know?

Progress Reports have been completed and sent home.

## What are progress reports?

- Progress Reports are 5-week interim reports that show a grade range for each subject.
- They are intended to remind you to have you and your child check for any missing work or assignments.

## What do the comments mean?

**“Must attend Synchronous sessions regularly”**- Student needs to get on daily zooms with the teacher and classmates participating in class activities and discussions. This counts towards their daily attendance.

**“Excellent completion of Asynchronous assignments”**- Independent student work has been completed according to teacher expectations

**“Asynchronous assignments must be completed”**- Student must complete assignments on Schoology, ClassKick, Edpuzzle, NearPod, etc.

**“Cannot accurately assess”**- Student has not completed any work, therefore the teacher is unable to evaluate their progress

**“Review SchoolTool contact information and contact the school to update”**- please update your phone number, address and/or email with us so we can contact you

**If you have questions or concerns regarding the Progress Reports, please reach out to the individual teacher. If there are additional concerns, reach out to your child’s School Counselor.**

## **Did you know?**

# Parent Teacher Conferences are being scheduled now!

- Evening parent teacher conferences are being scheduled for **November 5, 2020**.
  - Please call Michelle Thomas, **(607) 735-3140** to schedule a conference with your student's teachers.
  - These will be held via Zoom. A link will be sent to you from your student's counselor or administrator.
- If this time does not work, you can reach out to your student's counselor at any time to schedule a parent-teacher conference.

## **Did you know?**

Traci VanDeusen, the Family Community Outreach Coordinator, will be hosting a coffee talk this evening with Ms. Usack at 6:00 PM.

