Seahawk Families:

Our amazing Seahawks have officially made it through their first full week of the school year. It was wonderful to see so many of you during our materials pickup on Monday and Tuesday this week. We are truly thankful for your kind words and understanding as we continue to make adjustments to our learning approach. I am also appreciative of all of you who are providing constructive and thoughtful feedback to our administration and teachers. We take your comments to heart, and will work to better ourselves in the interest of providing the best possible experiences for our students. We have lots to cover as we head into Labor Day Weekend, so here we go!

Student Support Time

Starting next week, we will be rolling out our student support time sessions. The calendar of student supports can be found <u>HERE</u>. In addition, we are working on a document that will be shared with all students and that will have Google Meet links embedded for all of the support sessions. Student support time may look different based on subject. For example, students will be able to attend a math support session on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday to ask questions of our math teachers; however, they may also be required to attend a session if they need to complete makeup work with a teacher. Individual teachers will be talking with students about how student support time will be used with their classes. Keep an eye out for additional communication coming out with the links for the meets!

Back to School Night

On September 16th, all SDUHSD middle schools will be hosting a virtual Back-to-School Night. The idea with this event is that parents who want to have a somewhat traditional Back-to-School experience will be able to log into the principals' live message through YouTube Live - then will be able to visit each of their student's classes through provided links. For those who would prefer to see teachers' presentations on their own time, that will be an option as well. Teachers are currently working on their presentations, and we will be sending out more information about how to access the evening as that day gets closer. Teachers will be discussing a variety of topics - including how to support your student during distance learning and details about their classes' curriculum.

School Calendar

You can access our school calendar <u>HERE</u>. As you can see, we do not have a single period schedule day next week because of the four-day week. This week, there was some confusion with our Wednesday schedule. As a reminder, some teachers are running meets on Wednesdays that students will need to attend to receive credit for attendance. Other teachers will be posting assignments in Google Classroom that students will complete for a grade and attendance. Decisions about whether to run Meets on Wednesdays is entirely curriculum-based. It is crucial that your student check ALL of their Google Classrooms on Wednesdays to make sure they are completing the required task for each class. Teachers are reiterating this need with their individual classes. We understand this may be creating some confusion at the start of the year, but we believe students will quickly adjust.

Coffee-Conn

In partnership with EWMS PTSA, we will have our first principal's coffee, or "Coffee-Conn" next Friday, September 11th at 8:45 AM. This event will also include a guest speaker, Jon Moffat, who is an expert on cyber security, and providing guidance to parents on how to support their students when online. Mr. Moffat will be speaking for about 20-30 minutes, and I will be providing more EWMS-specific content after that. We will be sending out a flyer next week, but here is how you can join the event: Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86358476836?pwd=WnF4YnU3aFNXRUUveEN6ak5TRmhBQT09

Meeting ID: 863 5847 6836 Passcode: 689531

Thanks to our PTSA for sponsoring this event!

Next week, I PROMISE I will send out a video where I can walk you all through the upcoming back to school night, and show you more about Student Support Time. Please enjoy this extended weekend with your family, and we will get back after it on Tuesday!

Best,

Justin Conn Principal Earl Warren Middle School