



# NSSH

## Announcements

Week of September 8 , 2020

Hello Mustang Family:

Here we are with our very first parent newsletter for the 2020-2021 school year. Part of our commitment to you and our students this year is Caring Communications. We want you to know that we understand that communication is key in ensuring your child's success, especially now when they are so close to the graduation finish line!

We promise you, we will communicate. As a campus, we will send out weekly announcements such as this one every Monday to share the most up to date information with you in regards to virtual parent meetings, school ACT/SAT testing information, college/scholarship information, advanced academic updates, and student celebrations. These announcements will be sent to you via the email address that you have listed in skyward under your student's file. If you have not added an email address, you will find our weekly newsletters on our NSSH website, we will also send a link to our newsletters every Monday in a Facebook and Twitter post and via text. So, if you don't already, please follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Our NSSH Facebook page is NSSHS Mustangs and our Twitter handle is @NSSH\_Mustangs. We ask you to read these newsletters to get the most up to date news and announcements.

In addition, we will continue to update you on your child's progress and attendance via phone calls and emails. Rest assured we will communicate the information you and your child need. If however you should ever need a question answered, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We have provided a [parent/student request link](#) on our NSSH website (<https://www.galenaparkisd.com/Domain/19>) that is checked daily. We strive to respond to all requests within 24 hours. You may also email me directly at [amsanchez@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:amsanchez@galenaparkisd.com).

### **General Announcements:**

NSSH along with GPISD will be hosting 100% remote learning for the first 4 weeks of school. The Learning Management System (LMS) all Mustangs will use is Google Classroom. All Mustangs are expected to engage in four live sessions a day. All classroom assignments will be posted in Google Classroom by 8:00 am every day that a class meets.



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The NSSH Virtual bell schedule can be found below. Please note that the bell schedule times found in Skyward are incorrect for remote learning and students should adhere to the schedule below.

A/B Day	Time	Dual Credit Sophomores/ Juniors	Dual Credit Seniors
1 <sup>st</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-10:10	7:10-8:55	7:00-8:25
2 <sup>nd</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>	10:20-11:30	8:55-10:35	8:35-10:00
Lunch	11:40-12:10	10:45-11:05	10:10-11:35
3 <sup>rd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>	12:20-1:30	11:15-12:55	11:45-1:10
4 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>	1:40-2:55	1:00-2:35	1:20-2:45

Parents, Guardians and students who have questions about Google Classroom can get help by logging on here: <https://www.galenaparkisd.com/Page/9010>

Our Virtual Open House is live and available to answer many of the questions you may have about our reopening. To access our Virtual Open House please click below: <https://sites.google.com/gpapps.galenaparkisd.com/nssh-open-house/home>

On the next page, we have listed answers to some frequently asked questions concerning the start of virtual learning on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.



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### **What is different in Fall 2020 from the Spring 2020 semester?**

Last semester (Spring 2020), attendance was encouraged but not mandatory. Teachers had office hours once a week and students could join and ask questions, only if they needed help. This semester attendance will be MANDATORY. Teachers will host classes every day on a bell schedule just like they would in person. They will be tracking attendance. Students must be in attendance at least 90% of the time to receive credit in a class. Because this is a short semester, 90% means they can only miss **three** days before losing credit.

Last semester, teachers only put in grades that helped students. In the 5th six weeks, this meant that they could not put in a zero if the student was missing assignments. In the 6th six week, teachers were grading all assignments, but the six weeks only counted if it raised the students semester average. This was only true for a very small portion of students. This semester, teachers will grade assignments they post regularly. They are checking for mastery of new information. GPA calculation will include new grades and rank will be recalculated with these new GPAs.

Finally, in the spring, teachers got to choose how they communicated with students. They would send out regular Zoom or Google Meet links. This year, every class will meet on Google Meet. If you need to contact your Mustangs teachers, a complete listing of teacher websites and email addresses can be found by clicking here: <https://www.galenaparkisd.com/Page/8466>.

### **What should I expect for my Mustang's day to look like?**

*Whereas most of our Mustangs will follow one of three bell schedules see bell schedule above. Below is a sample schedule that our Mustangs can adhere to based on a schedule without dual credit courses to maximize on their learning. We recommend your Mustang get up early to take care of their personal needs, shower, eat breakfast, and prepare for their first day.*

*During this Virtual learning time, teachers will be available to students and parents starting at 7am. The first class meeting of each day will start at 9am. Since Tuesday is a "B" day, students will see their 5th period teacher first. **Teachers are taking attendance.** Every class period will be 1 hour and 10 minutes. There is a 10 minute break between 1st and 2nd period and 3rd and 4th period to take care of personal needs. Lunch is 50 minutes long between the 2nd and 3rd period.*



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Maximizing Mustang Minutes	
7:00am - 8:00am	Wake Up, Get Dressed, & Eat Breakfast
8:00am - 8:50am	Finish Homework <i>Teachers will be available to answer student/parent questions</i>
Break: <i>Breathe, stretch, turn off social media and prepare for the day</i>	
9:00am - 10:10am	1 <sup>st</sup> Period Class/5 <sup>th</sup> Period Class
Break: <i>Hydrate, stand up/walk around, prepare supplies for next period</i>	
10:20am - 11:30am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period Class/6 <sup>th</sup> Period Class
Lunch: <i>Grab some lunch, check social media, wash your hands, prepare for the afternoon</i>	
12:20pm - 1:30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period Class/7 <sup>th</sup> Period Class
Break: <i>Stretch, hydrate, and prepare for your final class of the day.</i>	
1:40pm - 2:50pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Period Class/8 <sup>th</sup> Period Class
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Call Homework Hotline or attend Virtual Club Meetings <i>*Optional</i>

### How do I know when my Mustang attends 1st-4th periods or 5th-8th periods?

1st-4th period classes meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. 5th-8th period classes meet on Tuesday and Thursdays. Fridays alternate between 1st-4th period and 5th-8th period. Parents can reference the A/B calendar by clicking on this link below:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/12MJ3wFZ2CtBKaJdG8E5PBeXiX8M\\_3y5y/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/12MJ3wFZ2CtBKaJdG8E5PBeXiX8M_3y5y/view?usp=sharing)

### How does my Mustang join a Google Classroom?

Go to [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com).--->Make sure to sign in with your GP Apps account. If you're already signed in and need to switch accounts, in the top-right corner, click your profile picture and then select or add your account.--->At the top, click the "+", then **Join class**. Enter the class code from your teacher (check your gpapps email, your teacher may have emailed it to you) and click **Join**.



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### **How does my Mustang log into a Class?**

Go to [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com).---> click on the class.---> Underneath the class title, click the Meet Link shown.---Click **Join Now**.

### **My Mustang is missing a class period. What do I do?**

Email your child's counselor.

- 11th Grade A-F (Lekeitha Johnson) [ljohnson@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:ljohnson@galenaparkisd.com)
- 11th Grade G-N (Andrea Jones) [ajones1@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:ajones1@galenaparkisd.com)
- 11th Grade (O-Z) (Felicia Oliver) [foliver@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:foliver@galenaparkisd.com)
- 12th Grade (A-F) (Tabitha Sapien) [tsapien@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:tsapien@galenaparkisd.com)
- 12th Grade (G-O) (Pamela Wallace) [pwallace@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:pwallace@galenaparkisd.com)
- 12th Grade (O-Z) (Sherronda Galloway) [sgalloway@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:sgalloway@galenaparkisd.com)

### **Who do I contact if I need help with technology?**

Contact the GPISD Technology Support Line at 832.386.1400 or email [techsupport@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:techsupport@galenaparkisd.com).

### **I was unable to get a device during the distribution days, how can I get one?**

You must also complete the loan agreement found here:

[https://prod.galenaparkisd.com/survey/device\\_agreement.php](https://prod.galenaparkisd.com/survey/device_agreement.php)

Once this is done, reach out to Mrs. Barrientos, our school librarian

([Vbarrientos@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:Vbarrientos@galenaparkisd.com)) to make an appointment to check out a chromebook.

### **How do I log into Skyward?**

Use your username & universal password. Your Username is your (child's) 6-digit ID number and you (child's) password is gp followed by the student's sixdigit birthdate (gpmmdyy).

### **Where can I find my schedule?**

You need to log into Skyward to see your schedule. Skyward can be accessed from the NSSH Website---> Student/Parent Tab---> Skyward Login.

### **How can I get lunch for my Mustang?**

For meal distribution information visit: <https://www.galenaparkisd.com/Page/9236>



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## **My Mustang is using a personal computer. How do we access ClassLink?**

If a student is using a personal device to log in to ClassLink, the ClassLink Web Version can be found under the Students tab on the GPISD website. He/she will need to enter his/her username and universal password to access ClassLink.

## **When will my student be able to participate in extracurricular activities?**

*Face to Face meetings for clubs and organizations have been suspended until we return for face to face learning. However, a list with all virtual club meetings will be sent out in next week's parent newsletter.*

## **Who does my Mustang contact if they need assistance with their classwork/homework?**

*Your Mustang can call the Homework Hotline Monday through Thursday 3 PM - 5 PM at 832.386.4374 or they can call the main line 832.386.4100 and they will be transferred to the Homework Hotline.*

## **Who do I contact if my child starts demonstrating COVID symptoms or comes in contact with a COVID positive individual?**

*They should contact the District COVID 19 hotline at 832.386.1091.*

If you have any additional questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me at [amsanchez@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:amsanchez@galenaparkisd.com).

## **Athletics Updates:**

### Volleyball

- Tues., Sept. 15 - NS vs. South Houston @ NSSH Gym, 5:30 p.m. (JV); 6:30 p.m. (Varsity)

### Cross Country

- Sat., Sept. 12 - Dawson Early Bird Short Course, Pearland HS @ 9:30 a.m.





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## **Important Dates**

09/08 - First Day of School (Remote Learning)

09/11 - Patriot Day - Observe a Minute of Silence

09/21 - Beginning of the Year Assessment - English II for Currently Enrolled English III

09/22 - Beginning of the Year Assessment - US History

10/06 - ACT Test @ NSSH

10/09 - End of 1st Six Weeks Grading Period

10/12 - Columbus Day Holiday

10/16 - Report Card Day

**Have a Great Mustang Day!**