

Jonathan Dayton High School



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Dear JDHS Students & Parents/Guardians,

We hope you had a safe and healthy summer. The new school year is quickly approaching! JDHS teachers and staff are working hard to make sure that we are ready to welcome all new and returning students. This will be the first ever virtual school opening, and there is key information we need to share with you to make sure that students are ready to get started on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

For our virtual opening, we will be running our regular daily schedule. Students will be required to attend all courses, remotely, on Mondays, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays, for full days of instruction. On Wednesdays, students will attend all courses, remotely, per our Early Dismissal schedule. Please see the JDHS daily schedules at this link: <https://www.springfieldschools.com/1/Content2/84>. To start the school year, September 10th and September 11th will be half days, with JDHS operating on the Early Dismissal schedule.

On September 4th, students' individual schedules will be made accessible to students and parents on OnCourse Connect. Please note that requests for schedule changes will not be entertained, prior to the opening of school. It is critical that students and parents have correct and active OnCourse Connect usernames and passwords. The OnCourse platform will be the primary means for all communication between school and home. If you have any questions or concerns regarding OnCourse Connect access, please notify the district's technology department via the following link: webhelpdesk.springfieldschools.com

To become reacquainted with, or to learn about OnCourse Connect functions and features, view the video at this link:

Parent and Student OnCourse Connect Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/XCZyCkN7NQ0>

Parents are highly encouraged to become familiar with the parent and student view of the OnCourse connect portal.

To communicate information and updates, we will also continue to use our **Swift K12** messaging system. This system pulls parent contact information (email, cellular number) directly from the electronic forms parents complete as part of the annual registration process. This system will be used to send emails, text, and recorded messages containing updates and announcements. Parents that have not completed the annual registration are asked to do so right away.

Communication is always important. Entering a virtual school year will require a greater emphasis on communication. Let's make sure we are connected.

Regards,

Dr. Francis



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