

Dear Washington Union High School Parents and Students,

We hope this letter finds all you well, and excited to enter into this upcoming 2020-2021 school year. High school is a special time, and each year brings new challenges for students. The role of the high school is to support students in helping them reach their full potential through academics, extra-curricular activities, and to help them set and achieve goals that positively influence their life after high school. Washington Union is dedicated to our role in your student's high school experience and we are committed to providing the best opportunities for them, especially during these unprecedented times. Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in our teachers and staff as we work together to begin the 2020-2021 school year.

The first official day of school is set to begin on Tuesday, August 18th. However, due to COVID 19 restrictions, we are utilizing next week to help prepare students and families to start school from a "distance learning" environment. Beginning on Monday, August 17th, we will begin distributing technology, class schedules, and other useful information and resources to allow you and your student time to understand the distance learning process and expectations. We are calling this our "Welcome Back Week."

Enclosed with this letter, is a schedule for when your student may come to the Washington Union High School Library to receive their class schedule, chromebook (if needed), and folder of directions and expectations from WUHS which includes information pertaining to athletics, staff contacts, social media, and directions on how to prepare for the upcoming school year. It is very important that you and your student plan to pick-up this material to be fully prepared for the start of school. Also, please plan to be available next week for teachers to reach out to you and your student during "Welcome Back Week" as they will be calling to connect with your student to ensure that they are ready for the first week of online instruction. The first day of online instruction will begin on Monday, August 24th, and 1st block will begin at 8:10am.

Here are some reminders for you and your student to keep in mind when you prepare to come to campus next week. We ask that only one parent comes with their one student during the correct designated time slot. We will be practicing social distancing of 6 feet or more, and masks will be required to enter the library. Please keep in mind that there will be a check in process to enter the library and receive materials, so thank you in advance for your patience in working with us to keep both families and staff safe. We have given enough time to meet with each of you, so please consider staggering your time of arrival to keep the line at a manageable number. Please be prepared to confirm your current address, contact information, and feedback if your student will have access to internet, so that they may be able to be present each day in their classes online.

Washington Union High School has a long lasting tradition of positive school culture and it goes without saying that our families, students, and community are an important part of that tradition. The staff at Washington Union is happy to be here and proud to serve, and we are eager to embrace this new "distance learning" environment alongside you and your student. We want to formally welcome you to the Washington Union High School 2020-2021 school year. Go Panthers!

Sincerely,

WUHS Administration