
November Newsletter

New Dawn CHS II

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Fall semester is moving very quickly and we have already reached the end of Quarter 1. Student grades for Fall semester will be based on the grade received during Quarter 1 which ends November 13th and Quarter 2 which will end January 22nd. Please keep in contact with your student's mentor and check Jupiter regularly to see your student's progress during each quarter. We will be holding Parent / Teacher conferences virtually on Monday, November 23rd. Conference appointments will be made available for teachers during their prep periods and after school between 4pm and 6pm on that day so that we are able to keep instruction going during that day.

Students will be taking interim assessments throughout the month that will provide valuable data for teachers when assessing the College and Career Readiness of our students. Assessments will be specific to course and its requirements. Regents for January 2021 have been cancelled due to COVID risk so this data will be valuable in assessing student tracks in courses that terminate in a regents exam. At this time, any student currently enrolled in a Regents course that meets the requirements of that course will receive a Regents Exam Waiver for that course that will count towards their graduation requirements.

The school building is currently open for staff and small cohorts of students participating in hybrid learning. Social distancing and sanitizing measures are in place and we will continue to monitor for any changes that happen which would necessitate a shift in our model.

Sincerely,
Zach Flory
Principal

Internship at New Dawn Charter HS II

Students who began the year with 10 or more credits have been enrolled in the first iteration of our internship program at ND Queens. Internship is one of the things that makes our model unique and while things may look a little different during COVID, we still have great opportunities for students to explore careers, build professional skills, and earn credit towards graduation.

For Fall 2020 the internship program consists of two parts. The first is the main internship program in which students will train and create a professional portfolio that will contain useful artifacts documenting their progress. Students are not currently able to be placed in an in-person internship outside of school so they are instead training virtually on a variety of Career subjects via Edgenuity. Students in internship should be spending 40-50 minutes daily engaging in this program which is self-led and provides feedback on the student's progress inside the course itself.

The second component of our Internship program this Fall is the Internship research paper that students are completing as a separate class embedded in their advisory class this fall. Students will meet twice a week for their internship research paper inside of their advisory but should be spending a fair amount of time outside of class devoted to research and writing this paper. The paper is long but will hopefully serve as an excellent demonstration of your student's research and writing capabilities as they look to life after High School.



Upcoming Dates

November 3

Election Day – Remote only

November 11th

No Classes – Veteran's Day

November 13th

End of Quarter 1

November 23rd

Parent Teacher Conferences - Virtual

November 26th-27th

No Classes – Thanksgiving

Class Schedule

All classes are continuing to meet virtually each instructional day following the bell schedule on the information page. Students should be meeting with teachers and completing assignments outside of Zoom each day for each class. If there are any questions regarding class grades, please reach out to teachers directly via Jupiter and take advantage of office hours which teachers hold weekly.

INFORMATION PAGE:

FA20 Semester Bell Schedule:

Period	Start	End	Minutes
1	9:00 am	9:50 am	50
2	9:55 am	10:45 am	50
3	10:50 am	11:40 am	50
4	11:45 am	12:35 pm	50
Lunch	12:35 pm	1:00 pm	25
6	1:00 pm	1:50 pm	50
7	1:55 pm	2:45 pm	50
8	2:50 pm	3:40 pm	50

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

Currently COVID-19 infection rates are at levels which have allowed up to reopen the school for staff and students. At this time in our reopening plan, all New Dawn Students are to be engaging in remote instruction only. Students may make appointments for testing or equipment pick-up at the building – only students with appointments will be admitted into the building at this time. In-person instruction will begin at a date TBD based on construction at the school in October. If you elect for your student to participate in in-person instruction, during the first phase they will be assigned one day per week in-building and will participate remotely on the other four days of the week. Students will not be allowed to enter the building for classes on days in which they are expected to be remote. You may also elect for your student to remain on remote instruction only at this time.

In order to minimize the chance of spreading COVID-19, every person who enters the building must submit to a temperature check and survey daily at the door upon entering. Those who have symptoms of a fever or who report yes for any of the screening questions will not be able to enter the building on that day and it is recommended that they go for COVID-19 testing. Staff, Students, and visitors must wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth while in the building and must observe a 6ft social distancing protocol whenever it is possible to do so. Cleaning and sanitizing will occur daily throughout the building and nightly building wide. Students who are not following the protocols as outlined may be asked to leave the building and can be placed in the remote instruction only group if behaviors continue.