



COVINA HIGH SCHOOL

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'Every Student, Every Day'

Covina High School Families!

I must begin with a continued widespread thanks and appreciation to our students, families and staff members for your hard work, determination and perseverance as we continue to navigate 'distance learning.' Daily, each of us is presented with new challenges and we continue to do all we can to find ways to reflect, adapt and grow!

Our 1st Semester of the school year, Mark 3, has officially closed and all student grades have been recorded to the official transcript. To assist with communication for our students and families, a hard copy of this report card will be mailed to the address we have on file in our student information system. An [electronic version](#) of the report card and transcript can also be viewed at any time through the [Aeries Parent Portal](#).

As we begin the 2nd Semester, we again have three scheduled grading periods. The purpose of the first two grading periods is to serve as an opportunity to report on student progress and the final grading period will post official grades to the student transcript. Our next grading period, the Mark 4 progress report, will come to a close on Friday, February 19, 2021 (*please add this date to your calendars!*). Similarly, Mark 5 will close on Friday, April 16, 2021 and Mark 6 will represent the end of Semester and completion of the school year on Wednesday, June 2, 2021.

As 'distance learning' continues, we are working diligently as a school staff to connect with students, best support their social/emotional needs, encourage positive attendance and also maintain a focus on academic rigor. We understand the challenges our students continue to experience and we kindly ask for your continued partnership to encourage, motivate and recognize the academic efforts of our students. Never more than today, it truly takes a village!

As a school community, we will make a strong effort during the 2nd Semester to create a heightened sense of urgency as we approach each of the three grading periods. For example, at the end of Mark 4 on Friday, February 19, 2021, our goal is for all students to successfully complete and submit all assignments and assessments within each of their scheduled courses. During both 'distance learning' and traditional school years, the end of each semester brings urgency, eagerness and determination. Our goal is to capture that momentum not once, but three times during the semester as we focus on doing the little things correctly each and every day. Our partnership with families is paramount if this effort is to become a reality.

And last, to support student academic success we have secured access to an online tutoring platform, [Paper](#), which is available to all students, 24 hours a day and seven days a week. To date, approximately 50% of our study body has utilized this resource and the feedback we've received from students is very positive. Within [Paper](#), students can virtually communicate with a live tutor to get assistance in all academic areas. We encourage students and families to review the resources available on our [website](#) to determine how [Paper](#) can best support you during the 2nd Semester.

In closing, I encourage you to please spend some time reflecting on the following suggestions to best support our students as we begin the 2nd Semester:

COVINA HIGH SCHOOL IS A COMMUNITY INSPIRING PASSIONATE, INNOVATIVE, AND LIFE-LONG LEARNERS.

1. Stay Positive

- Believe in yourself and always remember you can accomplish anything you set your mind to.

2. Maintain a Daily Routine

- Each school day should follow a schedule - wake up at a predetermined time, be on time and present for the duration of your class meetings. The instructional day is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. – 12:31 p.m. each day, however, students should also be spending time in the afternoon on assignments, incomplete class work, etc. Be sure to schedule breaks, eat healthy and get enough sleep each night.

3. Focus on Organization

- Use Google Calendar, Canvas or a home journal to stay organized. Check your student @c-vusd.org email daily, as well as notifications in Google Classroom and Canvas. Keep a running list of what you need to accomplish and cross out tasks as you complete them.

4. Stay Engaged During Class Meetings

- Communication leads to participation, participation leads to engagement, engagement leads to learning, and learning leads to student achievement! Connect with your peers and teachers and keep your camera turned on during class meetings to hold yourself accountable and minimize distractions.

5. Set Personal Goals

- “Each day when you wake up in the morning, ask the question, ‘What are the three most important things I need to do today that will help me create the success I desire?’ Then, each day, take action on those three things.”

6. Utilize School Resources

- Our Administration, Counselors, School Psychologist and support staff are available to provide assistance to students with mental health support, technology or internet connectivity requests, or any other question you may have.

7. Take Time to Focus on You

- With so much time spent in virtual environments, take the time to disconnect, exercise, read and communicate with family and friends.

8. Expect Setbacks

- ‘Distance Learning’ is difficult - embark to fail fast and fail forward, but never give up hope, determination or belief in yourself.

“Do the best you can until you know better. Then, when you know better, do better.” – Maya Angelou

We thank you for your continued support! We wish safety and wellness to the entire *Covina Family!*

Most Sincerely,



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