

Golden Eagle E- Blast August 6, 2020



Happy First Day of School

Hopefully, all our Golden Eagle families had a great first day! It sure was different walking through the quiet halls and seeing teachers on Zoom meetings in empty classrooms on the first day of school.

You may have heard about this year's thematic goal at Archway Glendale: Nunc Coepi! One of the statements used to guide and deepen our understanding of Nunc Coepi is: Courage does not always roar. Sometimes it is a quiet voice at the end of the day saying I will try again tomorrow.

Over the next few weeks or even months for some of our families life will be challenging. Have the courage to begin again!

Attendance

Attendance will be taken during the synchronous sessions for each class. Attendance will be tracked. Absences will be recorded. Please report to the attendance line or [office email address](#) and the classroom teacher if your student will be absent (families will be called if the student was absent, but the absence was not reported).

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First Day of School
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Distance Learning For All Students

Half-Day
8/21/20

If your child is not able to attend the synchronous sessions consistently, please send an email to the classroom teacher, [Mr. Kersting](#), and [Ms. Mobley](#).

If you have any questions about attendance, please let Ms. Mobley know.

Zoom Safety

It is very important that we create a safe environment for all Archway Glendale students and teachers. Here are some tips that you can do to partner with us in creating that safe environment:

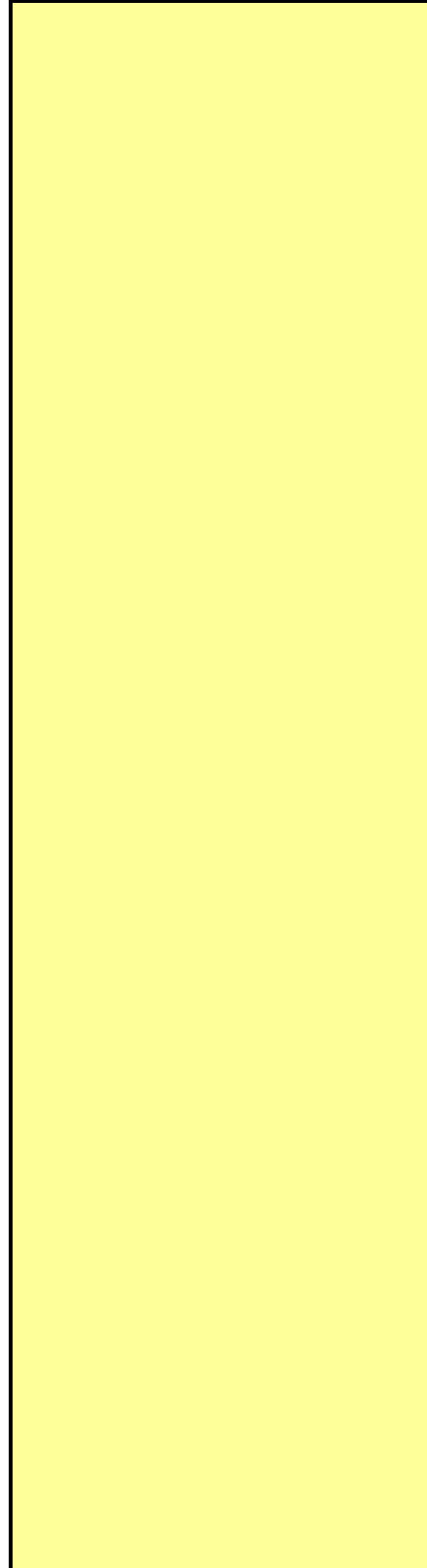
1. Change the display name to your student's first name and last initial when attending synchronous sessions. This can be done by clicking on the three dots located in the corner right box of the screen.
2. Make sure your child has a wall behind him rather than your home environment, if possible.
3. Do not share Zoom links with anyone.
4. Do not record the session or take photos.

These are the things Archway Glendale will do to help:

1. Have all attendees wait in a waiting room. (Having the student names displayed will help teachers let in the correct students.)
2. All attendees will have audio and video disabled upon entry.

Change in Weekly Teacher Communication

At Meet the Teacher this week your child's teacher may have mentioned doing weekly live Zoom sessions in lieu of weekly newsletters. In an effort to be considerate of possible parent scheduling conflicts, teachers will be posting a weekly recorded video in the Google Classroom by Friday afternoon. These videos will contain information, tips, etc. to



help you and your child during 100% Distance Learning.

Teacher Assignments

Teacher assignments were made after all the Return to Learning Forms were complete. Archway Glendale teachers and administration used the data to create classes that were as balanced and solid as possible. Unfortunately, we are unable to guarantee that your child will have the same teacher when he returns to brick and mortar learning.

Backpacks

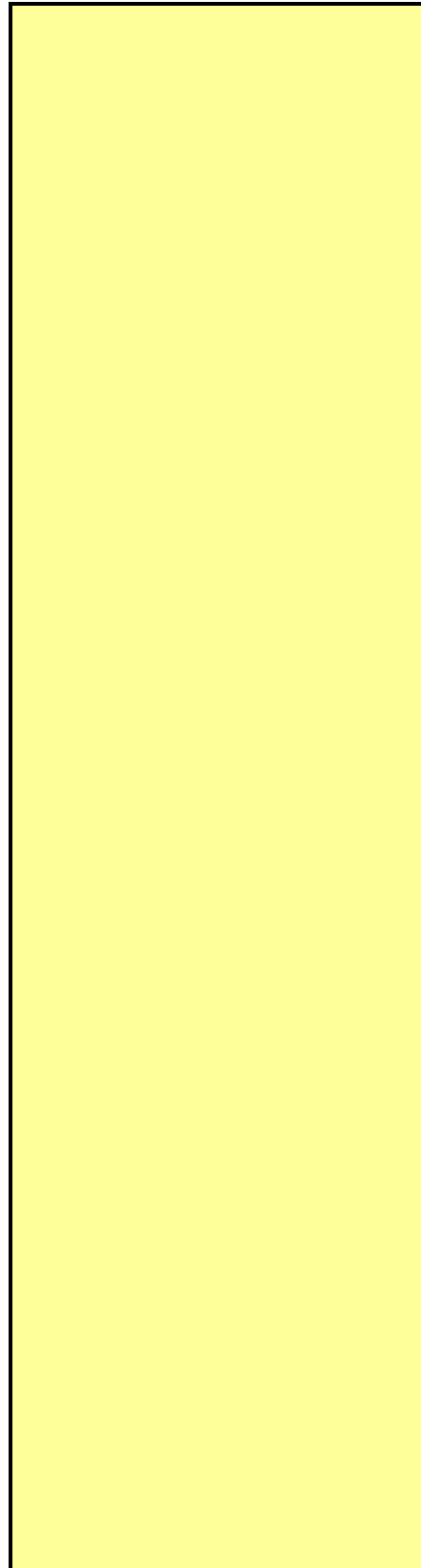
Backpacks will not be used when students return to brick and mortar, at least for the first quarter. Students will only bring a lunchbox, water bottle, and mask to school each day. Temporarily eliminating backpacks will help for several reasons: 1. Eliminates the use of cubbies so that desks can be spread out more. 2. Saves time in packing and unpacking the backpack because time is being lost elsewhere in the day with other new safety procedures. 3. Reduces paperwork and passing of germs. 4. Encourages students to bring the bare minimum supplies to school. 5. Allows for maximum room between desks without backpacks slung over the back of student chairs.

Message From Mr. Kersting

This summer is the hardest I've ever worked as a Great Hearts Headmaster, and I believe our teachers and staff are also working harder than ever.

Expect many more challenges to come. Please commit yourself to patiently partnering with teachers and the administration.

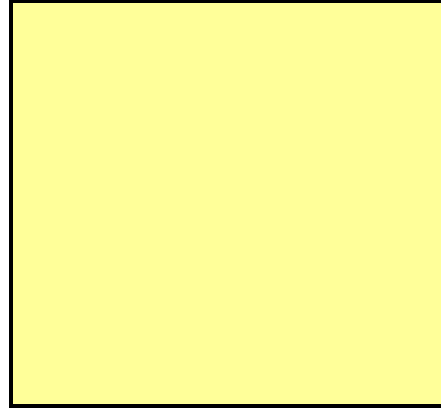
Understand we are often at the mercy of the pandemic, changing county health mandates, and



government decisions. It takes time for government officials to process information, make decisions, and communicate them to us. Then you are the last to be told.

Let's persevere together for the sake of our wonderful students and their formation in virtue and truth.

Nunc Coepi!



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