

CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

Home of the Tigers



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Welcome back Capitan Tigers!

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you all know how excited we are to start this new school year with you even though it isn't the format that we all wished for. As you are aware, the Governor in conjunction with the Public Education Department, announced that all schools in New Mexico would start the school year remotely online with specific grade levels being phased in by October. We know this isn't the ideal situation and are well aware of the frustration experienced by our families and students in these difficult times.

Capitan Schools has worked hard to formulate a reentry plan to protect our staff and students during this pandemic, while still meeting the emotional and educational needs of our students. Because of the pandemic and school closures, much of the prep work that gets done in the spring and summer was delayed as the nation and states struggled with developing plans and procedures pushed out to the various agencies like Education. Schools all over the nation are catching up and developing what education will look like in the coming year as we go.

We've had to implement new systems and processes to enroll and register our students as well as learning new software to facilitate remote learning. It has been frustrating for our families because of the new technology and having to walk through the process by telephone and email because of the inability to congregate and help people in person. This has caused a delay in developing schedules because, frankly, we didn't know who would be coming back. We thank you for your patience and grace during this time as we work to get everyone in the classes they need as quickly as possible.

For the 20-21 school year, teachers will be providing instruction utilizing the Edgenuity online platform for core classes and some electives. Other electives, such as Ag. and Family & Consumer Sciences will be utilizing iCEV as their learning management system and curriculum. As you can imagine, it takes time and patience to learn and implement all of these new technologies. We've all been working hard to get these systems up and running. As we engage in these platforms together, we know we will continue to have to make adjustments as we go. If you are unsure or confused by something, ask the teacher of that subject. They are expert's in their field and are here to guide you as we know that everything can change almost daily depending on the directives we receive.

This year, whether we are working remotely or on campus, the expectations of you, the student, remains the same. Work hard, do your best, ask questions, and LEARN. It is important that you turn assignments in on time. If you are having trouble either with the work or with technology, it is important that you communicate immediately with your teacher or me, your

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principal, so we can find a solution and keep you on track. Not completing an assignment and failure to communicate can lead to a failing grade on an assignment or even the class.

This first week of school, your teachers will be reaching out to you to provide information on their syllabus, orientation on using these new software programs, and discussing online etiquette and the class expectations to help, you the student, be successful in meeting those goals. The key to a successful year is going to be communication and your attitude. This year is going to be what you make of it. If you can keep an open mind, be flexible, and have positive attitude, we can make this a GREAT year.

Sincerely,
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