

Dear Parents,

I am excited and honored to serve as middle school principal on beautiful San Juan Island. My family and I arrived here in the middle of June and have already enjoyed many wonderful experiences that have included getting to know many of you. I look forward to working with each of you as we partner together to provide the education your student needs and deserves.

We will be kicking off 2020-21 using a tele-school model. The information provided in this letter is to help parents and students gain a clear idea of how the school year will look. Please share the following six essentials with your student so he or she can successfully begin a new year of learning adventures.

1. Be prepared for REMOTE LEARNING:

- a. Make sure your Chromebook is functioning properly. If you need computer assistance, you can email helpdesk@sjisd.org or call (360)370-7140.
- b. If you are new to Friday Harbor Middle School, you will be issued a Chromebook. Email helpdesk@sjisd.org or call (360)370-7140 to schedule a time to check out your device.

2. Access CLASSLINK:

- a. ClassLink is a new launch pad that will take the place of Quick Links. When you open your Chromebook, it will automatically go to ClassLink. If you are on a personal computer, type the URL my.classlink.com/sjisd into the address bar to access ClassLink.
- b. Click the "Sign in with Google" button
- c. Enter your email password. If this is your first time logging into your new email account, your password will be the number 1 followed by your student ID number. If you don't know your student ID number, please call the help desk at (360)370-7140, or the MS Office at (360)370-7201.

3. Access your CLASS SCHEDULE:

- a. Click on the Skyward link within ClassLink.
- b. As you log in to ClassLink for the first time there will be a log in process to get into Skyward. Your Login ID will be the first five letters of your last name then the first three letters of your first name followed by 000. This format will be used by all students for their Skyward username.
- c. Access the schedule by clicking on the schedule tab on the left side of the page.

4. Access your EMAIL:

a. Click on the Gmail link within ClassLink

5. Access GOOGLE CLASSROOM:

a. Click on the Google Classroom link within Classlink.

6. Access your first **ZOOM CLASS**:

- a. Go into google classroom.
- b. You will see six tiles that represent your six different classes. Click on your first period class.
- c. Once you are in the appropriate class, click on the ZOOM link at the top of the page.

7. Obtain <u>STUDENT MATERIALS</u> for the term:

a. Student material handout will take place at designated times during the second week of school. You can find your scheduled time to pick up materials on the attached spreadsheet. To observe social distance

- guidelines and to limit the number of people within the school at any one time, we ask that you pick up your materials at the scheduled time.
- b. You will enter and exit the front doors of the middle school to pick up your materials. Once inside the building, there will be someone directing you to the appropriate location. Once again, please maintain a social distance of six feet and wear a mask while on school property.

As instruction will be delivered using a tele-school model, students will be expected to attend a ZOOM class each period. We will consistently use ZOOM to (1) support the social and emotional learning of students by providing regular opportunities to connect with teachers and fellow scholars, (2) create a common structure among classes that mirrors as closely as possible the familiar classroom setting, and (3) provide a method for taking attendance each day. While the length of ZOOM sessions may vary according to student needs and the instructor's judgment, each class will start with at least a short ZOOM session.

There will be an orientation for 6th graders and all students new to the district in the form of a ZOOM meeting at 11:00 A.M. on the day before school, Wednesday, September 2. Parents please watch your email for an invitation to this ZOOM meeting.

Here is the schedule for the first two weeks of school (please note the 6th grade schedule is listed first with the 7th & 8th grade schedule following):

6th Grade - WEEK 1 (September 3-4)

Time	Mon (8/31)	Tue (9/1)	Wed (9/2)	Thur (9/3)	Fri (9/4)
8:15 - 8:45			SCHOOL STARTS TOMORROW!	Daily Prep Period Student Sign-in	Daily Prep Period Student Sign-in
8:45 - 9:30				1st Period	BAND
10:00 -10:45				2nd Period	5th Period
11:15 -12:00				3rd Period	6th Period
12:00 - 1:15				Lunch Break	Lunch Break
1:15-2:00				ART	Student & Teacher Small Group work
2:00 - 3:15				Teacher Directed Time Student Work Time	Teacher Directed Time Student Work Time

6th grade - WEEK 2 (September 8 – 11)

Time	Mon (9/7) Tue (9/8)		Wed (9/9)	Thur (9/10)	Fri (9/11)
8:15 - 8:45	LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	Daily Prep Period Student Sign-in	ADVISORY	Daily Prep Period Student Sign-in	Daily Prep Period Student Sign-in
8:45 - 9:30		1st Period	BAND	1st Period	BAND
10:00 -10:45		2nd Period	5th Period	2nd Period	5th Period
11:15 -12:00		3rd Period	6th Period	3rd Period	6th Period
12:00 - 1:15		Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
1:15-2:00		ART	Teacher Prep & Collaboration and Independent	ART	Student & Teacher Small Group work
2:00 - 3:15		Teacher Directed Time Student Work Time	Student Work Time	Teacher Directed Time Student Work Time	Teacher Directed Time Student Work Time

7th & 8th Grades - WEEK 1 (September 3-4)

Time	Mon (8/31)	Tue (9/1)	Wed (9/2)	Thu (9/3)	Friday (9/4) A Day
8:15 - 8:45			SCHOOL STARTS TOMORROW!	Daily Prep Period Student Sign-in	Daily Prep Period Student Sign-in
8:45 - 9:30				1st Period	4th Period
10:00 -10:45				2nd Period	5th Period NO ART 7
11:15 -12:00				3rd Period	6th Period ART 8 at 1:15
12:00 - 1:15				Lunch Break	Lunch Break
1:15-2:00 ART				See Below	6th Period <i>ART 8</i>
1:15-2:15				Student & Teacher Small Group work	Student & Teacher Small Group work
2:15 - 3:15				Teacher Directed Time	Teacher Directed Time
				Student Work Time	Student Work Time

7th & 8th Grades - WEEK 2 (September 8 – 11)

Time	Mon (9/7)	Tue (9/8)	Wed (9/9) B Day	Thur (9/10)	Fri (9/11) A Day
8:15 - 8:45	LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	Daily Prep Period Student Sign-in	ADVISORY	Daily Prep Period Student Sign-in	Daily Prep Period Student Sign-in
8:45 - 9:30		1st Period	4th Period 7 & 8 / Band 6	1st Period	4th Period
10:00 -10:45		2nd Period	5th Period NO ART 8	2nd Period	5th Period <i>NO ART 7</i>
11:15 -12:00		3rd Period	6th Period ART 7 at 1:15	3rd Period	6th Period ART 8 at 1:15
12:00 - 1:15		Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
1:15-2:00 <i>ART</i>		6th Period ART 6	6th Period <i>ART 7</i>	6th Period ART 6	6th Period <i>ART 8</i>
1:15-2:15		Student & Teacher Small Group work	Teacher Prep & Collaboration and Independent	Student & Teacher Small Group work	Student & Teacher Small Group work
2:15 - 3:15		Teacher Directed Time Student Work Time	Student Work Time	Teacher Directed Time Student Work Time	Teacher Directed Time Student Work Time

I would like to highlight the individual and small group instruction scheduled on the afternoons of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. This block will be organized in such a way as to allow teachers to use every minute to meet the individual needs of your student. We simply cannot leave one student behind during this doubly challenging period of pandemic and tele-school instruction. In my short time here at Friday Harbor Middle School, I have been both awed and grateful to witness our highly-skilled and dedicated instructors carefully preparing for the upcoming school year with the goal of ensuring that each student receives an education tailored to his or her needs.

I look forward to working together with our exceptional middle school staff and with you as together we help your student to crystalize and realize their dreams for the 2020-21 school year and beyond!

Respectfully,

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