

TSHS Fall 2020

Information and Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

How will learning for Fall 2020 be different from learning in Spring 2020?

--Our goal is to open schools with a schedule that is as close to normal as possible for those students/parents who have chosen remote learning with our teachers. Students/Parents who chose the virtual path of Edgenuity will follow that platform and stay on pace as guided by Edgenuity instructors.

--Students will have a consistent instructional schedule of four blocks.

--The week will include four days of live, face-to-face online instruction on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

--Wednesdays will be used for independent learning and remediation. Teachers will be available with office hours from 8-11.

--Learning will be interactive between teacher and students.

--All student work will be graded.

--Students and parents will notice a more rigorous and engaging online learning experience with greater connections for all students.

What is the remote learning schedule?

- 7:30..... Teachers Arrive at School
- 8:25 – 9:35..... 1st Block
- 9:35 – 9:40..... Break
- 9:40 – 10:50..... 2nd Block
- 10:50 – 11:35..... Lunch
- 11:35 – 12:45..... 3rd Block
- 12:45 – 12:50..... Break
- 12:50 – 2:00..... 4th Block
- 2:00 – 3:00..... Teacher Planning
- 3:00 Faculty Dismissal

How will attendance be considered?

--Attendance is required.

--Teachers will take attendance during each block.

--For an excused absence, all assignments are due by 11:59 p.m. on each Friday. (If additional time is needed for an excused absence, please contact the teacher to request a total of five days.)

How will students begin online instruction?

- The first day of school is August 24, 2020.
- Students will be e-mailed their schedule via their gmail account.
- Students need to check their school email before the first day of school.

Will lunch be provided to students in need?

- Please contact the school office if you would like to request school lunches.

Will students be allowed to request schedule changes?

- Students will have until 8/28/20 to make schedule changes.
- It would be beneficial to make any changes before the first day of school.
- Please email Mrs. Rose at bridgett.barnette@scottsschools.com if you would like to request a schedule change. She will work through the emails as they are received.

Will students need textbooks?

- Teachers will advise if students need textbooks. A pick-up date will be arranged.
- Dual enrollment students will need to pick up textbooks ASAP. Please contact Mrs. Rose via email and she can assist you with this.

What is required of students in terms of hygiene and safety procedure?

- Twin Springs High School has prioritized the protection others and ourselves by doing our part to be safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19. We all have a personal responsibility to protect our health and contribute to the safety of our school and community.

Here's how you can help:

- Wear a cloth face covering
- Wash hand frequently with soap and water
- Use hand sanitizer
- Practice social distancing
- Monitor personal health on a daily basis

What if a student does NOT have Internet access at home?

- Contact the school immediately
- Instruction may need to be provided on paper and/or jump drive

What does my child need in order to learn at home?

- A place free of distractions
- Chromebook and charger
- Desk or table would be beneficial

Will the teacher and other students be able to see my child on Google Meet?

- The teacher and other students can see your child if the camera is turned on.
- Please dress appropriately.
- Students are expected to follow the TSHS dress code.

What rules apply to online learning?

- Students are expected to behave in an appropriate manner.
- Students are also expected to follow all rules and procedures of TSHS and teachers.

How do parents complete the back-to-school forms?

- Some forms will be compiled, sealed in an envelope, and available for pickup. You can pick these up at the school at your convenience. We will be available from 8-2 on 8/20 and 8/21 and from 7:30-3:30 starting on 8/24.
- Also, the Student Information Sheet and Health Form have been combined electronically. Each remote classroom teacher will upload this form into their first day assignments for their students for a parent/guardian to complete (onsite students can still fill out the paper copies).
- Please complete all forms.
- Forms are due back to us by 9/04/20.

What should I do if my Chromebook stops working?

- If your Chromebook stops working, bring it to the school as soon as possible.
- We will need a name, phone number, and description of the problem.

Other FAQs (mainly relevant to when students return on-site):

What is the process of picking my child up early from school?

- Parents/guardians should contact the office. After arriving at school, parents/guardians should ring the bell and a staff member will meet you at the front entrance with your child.

What is the process if I need to drop off an item to my child at school?

- Parents/guardians should contact the school and a staff member will meet you at the front entrance door.

Once my Child arrives at school (on-site only), what is the process?

--Students will arrive at school and report to their 1st Block classroom. The teacher in that classroom will check their temperature. If the temperature is ok, the student will get breakfast and report back to their 1st Block classroom.

Can my child use water fountains?

--No. Students may use the water filling station in the front hall, but may not use any water fountains. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.

Can I, or someone else, bring my child lunch?

--No. No outside food can be delivered or dropped off during the school day. Students can bring their own lunch or eat from the cafeteria.

Will my child have locker use?

--No. Lockers will not be assigned.

Does my child have to wear a mask?

--When six feet social distancing is not feasible, then students will need to wear a mask. This will be necessary mainly as students are in the hallways between classes, in bathrooms, and on buses. We will be able to maintain distancing in the classrooms using overflow areas throughout the building.

Do I need to screen my child before sending them to school daily?

--Yes. Parents/guardians need to screen, check symptoms, and check temperature each day before sending students to school. If they have a temperature of 100 or above, they will need to stay home.

What will happen if my child arrives at school and has a fever?

--If a student has a temperature of 100 or higher, then they will be put in our designated "waiting room" just outside the clinic. Their temperature will be checked 10 minutes later and if they still have a temperature of 100 or higher, the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick the child up.

What time will teachers arrive at school?

--7:30

What is the earliest I can drop my child off at school?

--7:15

How will remote instruction look?

--Students will need to be logged into their Chromebooks each block for instruction. Instruction will consist of pre-recorded lessons, live interaction through Google Meet, and online assigned assessments. Each teacher will have a live session at a predetermined time. Teachers will share this information with students on or before August 24.

What is the difference between remote learning and virtual learning?

--Remote learning is instruction provided by Twin Springs teachers online. Virtual learning is a separate instructional platform called Edgenuity. If students sign up for virtual learning, they will stay virtual throughout the entire first semester.

How many minutes are in each block?

--70 minutes

Will my child be able to ride a bus other than their assigned bus?

--No. They can only ride the bus assigned to them. This also includes riding a bus home with another student at the end of the school day.

Will my child be assigned a seat on the bus?

--Yes

Will my child go to the cafeteria to eat breakfast and lunch?

--Breakfast will be grab and go. Students will pick up breakfast and report back to their 1st block class. Right now, lunch will be served and eaten in the cafeteria. When the plan is adjusted to all students onsite, lunch will be eaten students' 3rd block classroom.

What is the procedure if a student or employee of Twin Springs High School tests positive for COVID-19?

--When classes with students/employees have a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, and the student/employee was in the room and closer than six feet apart from other students and staff for 15 minutes, the class will be sent home for 14 days. If a student/employee has been diagnosed with COVID-19, they cannot leave their house until the health department has ended their isolation. It is a minimum of 10 days from symptom onset, no fever for three days without the use of fever reducers and improvement in respiratory symptoms. If the person diagnosed is asymptomatic, it is 10 days from their test date. Any household contacts will need to remain at home in quarantine during the case-patient's isolation and fourteen days after the case-patient's isolation has ended. The VDH will identify the appropriate closure of classrooms and/or schools when/if the need arises.

Will schools be cleaned regularly?

--Yes. Twin Springs High School employees will clean heavily used areas daily and the school will be "deep cleaned" on Wednesdays and Fridays.

How many students will be allowed in the bathroom at a time?

--Two

Will students be allowed to share supplies?

--No. Students should not share supplies.

What is the procedure for wanting to speak with a child's teacher and/or administrator?

--If a parent/guardian needs to speak with a teacher or administrator, they need to call the school and set up an appointment.

If my child comes down with COVID-19, will instruction be provided for them?

--Yes. Students will receive instruction via remote/virtual learning.

Will meals be provided for remote/virtual learners?

--Yes. Five days worth of meals can be picked up on Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00 AM at Twin Springs.