Remote Learning Update

Monday, January 3: Teacher Workday
Tuesday, January 4 - Friday, January 7: Remote Learning Days
Monday, January 10: Return to Face-to-Face Instruction

Mask Status: Masks Required – at least until Friday, January 21, 2022

Dear Shakerag Families:

Happy New Year!

I hope this email finds everyone doing well.... Well rested, safe, and healthy!

As we welcome a new year, 2022 is already presenting us with a few challenges. While we went into winter break optimistic that brighter days were ahead, we are continuing to be tested by the ever-changing needs of COVID. Hopefully you have had an opportunity to read the email sent out on Friday, December 31 from Fulton County Schools regarding the upcoming changes to our school calendar for the start of second semester.

Monday is a scheduled teacher workday. The staff will be shifting their focus on planning a week of remote learning. Homeroom teachers will be sending out a schedule for the week no later than 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 4 providing you with an outline and overview for the week. For those of you that were at Shakerag prior, this will mirror our remote routines from last year. Microsoft Teams will be our primary platform for live lessons, and your child’s homeroom teacher and/or specific content area teacher will be your primary contact for questions. We ask all students to follow the schedules that will be sent by their homeroom teachers for the week. If your child is in a special program (ESOL, Special Ed., EIP, TAG, etc...), those teachers will reach out to you separately, should your child follow a different plan than the rest of the class on any given day. Students will be engaging in a mix of asynchronous (independent lessons/activities) and synchronous (live lessons at a scheduled time) learning throughout the week. If your child does not have access to a device (K-2) and/or the internet (K-5), please let your child's teacher(s) know so alternative activities can be provided. The PreK department is working on learning bundles for their students. More details will be sent to our PreK families once those activities are available.

Additionally, some teachers already had planned leave days scheduled for various reasons. In these cases, lessons and assignments will be pushed out, but may not include a live component and/or teachers from their team might pull in and “share” students.

We want to thank you in advance for your patience as we all work out the kinks and reintroduce remote learning to our students and families. Should you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to your child’s teacher(s). They will be monitoring email during the school day when they are not in live lessons.

Following this week, we hope to welcome all students back in the building on Monday, January 10 for our return to face-to-face learning. At that time, we will return to a mask required status through Friday, January 21.

We can’t thank you enough for your continued support and understanding. While this may not be what we had envisioned for the start of second semester and 2022, we WILL get through this together!

With much appreciation,
Christine Lemerond
Principal
Additional Supports Available through Fulton County Schools:

Resources: [Connect Fulton](#) is available to anyone seeking resources that best meet their individual needs. This is a new, incredibly robust platform that leverages the latest of technology to connect anyone in our community to the best fit resources available.

Social and Emotional Support: If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, please call 911 or the [Georgia Crisis and Access Line](#) at 1-800-715-4225
- **Text4Help** Text4Help is available 24/7 365 and staffed by clinical mental health experts. Someone is always there to listen to any FCS student.
- Our [on-site mental health partners](#) continue to be available for new referrals and existing clients. A significant number of our students continue to see our on-site mental health partners through in person and telehealth options.

How can our community help our kids? Our School Social Workers are working diligently to connect with families and determine what they need. They are then posting the needs to [Purposity](#). This is great way our community can help a family while practicing social distancing and remaining at home.

**Remember to...**

- Wear Your Mask...
- Wash Your Hands...
- Keep Your Distance...
- Sanitize...