
Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Greetings Astro Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to officially begin our school year and welcome you to what will be an incredible year. Even with the reality that we will not be walking onto our campus every day in the new school year, I am committed to quality teaching taking place virtually and I can assure you that learning will not stop. I have confidence that I am working alongside the most talented and dedicated teachers and support staff in Atlanta Public Schools. Our teachers and support staff have come together with hope, vision and excitement to take care of our students and families amid these trying times.

I am excited to be a part of the Astro family, creating an environment where students love to learn, teachers inspire, the community engages, and students graduate ready for college, career and life. Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!

Key Notes:

Pop-Up Bash

Although we are continuing virtual learning, APS has partnered with the *Empty Stocking Fund* to make certain our students are prepared for learning in an at-home environment! Students who registered to receive a backpack will receive their back-pack and other supplies at the school on **Thursday, August 20, 2020 from 9:00 – 12:00 pm**. *(please follow CDC guidelines by wearing your masks when visiting the school to receive and sign for backpacks and supplies)*

Open House

Douglass High School is committed to following CDC COVID-19 Guidelines therefore, Open House & Orientation 2020 will be virtual via Zoom. The dates are as follows:

- Class of 2024 (Freshmen) – August 18th - 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- Class of 2023 (Sophomores) – August 19th – 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- Class of 2022 (Juniors) – August 20th - 10:00 a.m. ONLY
- Class of 2021 (Seniors) – August 20th - 6:00 p.m. ONLY

***Please see the flyer attached for the link**

Return & Learn

APS' Return & Learn is **Monday, August 24, 2020**. The school day is from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Study Hall will be from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for independent practices. Your child's schedule will be mailed home to you. Parents and caregivers with access to Parent Portal will be able to view schedules online on August 14th. Please contact the Ms. Loretta Smith, School Registrar via email at loretta.smith@atlanta.k12.ga.us or at 404-802- for more information on obtaining access to this system if you are not already set up.

Technology Update

As Douglass prepares to Return & Learn this upcoming school year, technology will play a critical role. If your son/daughter needs a device, please complete one survey for each of your children

attending an APS school. After the survey is completed, you will be contacted by your child's school to arrange an appointment. Visit <https://linktr.ee/apsupdate> and click the 'Device Survey' tab.

End of Summer Food Distribution

Meals will be provided to all children in the community on Monday, August 10th and Monday, August 17th. Meal bags with five breakfast meals and five lunch meals will be distributed at Douglass between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. You can get those meals via drive-thru. Bus delivery of food will also be provided on some school bus routes. You can access bus routes and approximate delivery times by <https://linktr.ee/apsupdate>.

Stay Connected

Get and stay connected on our special district website www.atlantapublicschools.us/backtoschool for the latest updates about technology support, nutrition, back-to-school bash and Day 1 Return & Learn. Please visit our school's website regularly at <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Domain/3043>. Teacher webpages can be found online, and they are updated weekly with important class information.

Please reach out to your grade level administrator if you have any questions or concerns:

- Class of 2024 (Freshmen) – Mr. S. Jennings – 404-802- 5155; sljennings@atlanta.k12.ga.us
- Class of 2023 (Sophomores) – Mr. S. Stewart – 404-802- 6508; stewartmar@atlanta.k12.ga.us
- Class of 2022 (Juniors) – Mrs. S. McEachern – 404-802- 2713; smceachern@atlanta.k12.ga.us
- Class of 2021 (Seniors) – Ms. M. Brown – 404-802-3119; brownma@atlanta.k12.ga.us
- CTAE/Extended Core – Mr. B. Blackmon – 404-802- 3138; bblackmon@atlanta.k12.ga.us

We strive to keep parents informed as you collaborate with us in your child's education. We are committed to maintaining instructional integrity through engagement with students and parents. Continue to remain safe and practice. Again, welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I look forward to working with you.

With Astro Pride,

Principal Portee

FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL



ASTROS



ZOOM TIMES:

10:00 AM
&
6:00 PM

VIRTUAL ORIENTATION

- August 18th 9th Grade
- August 19th 10th Grade
- August 20th 11th Grade (10am only)
- August 20th 12th Grade (6pm only)

CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM LINK:

<https://atlantapublicschools-us.zoom.us/j/87205560231?pwd=eTZVVnFBdUJZanJGTXZETOwRwT09jUT09>

GREETINGS ASTRO FAMILIES!

We are excited to welcome our new and returning scholars to the 2020-21 school year!

