

Dear Holub Parents and Students,

I hope you and your family are safe and doing well and had a restful summer break.

For Middle School, the Alief ISD school year starts virtually on **Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 8:40 a.m.** for all students utilizing ***Alief Learns at Home*** via the AliefHUB and Schoology please **click on the link below** to learn more about the first day of school and additional information. <https://launchpad.classlink.com/aliefisd> .

Students and parents will be able to access their individual schedule in the Home Access Center (HAC) on the morning of Wednesday, August 5th. Every student and family should have a Home Access Center account. If you need to register to create an account go to www.aliefisd.net/hac to register for HAC. **If you have forgotten your password please contact your counselor via the link on the Holub website.**

Last year, we moved very quickly and unexpectedly to virtual learning. We learned a lot from that experience. We have taken a lot of time and put in much work to ensure that we provide the best instruction possible in a remote setting this fall. This semester, even though we will be learning and teaching remotely in a virtual environment, **our education expectations are the same as they would be if you were learning in person.**

ALIEF LEARNS AT HOME – STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

1. **ALIEF LEARNS AT HOME** is a virtual experience and **all students will need an internet capable device (computer, laptop, tablet, Ipad) and access to the internet at home** to be able to access Schoology and the Alief Hub to be successful. When students re-enrolled this summer they indicated if they had a device and internet access. Those indicating a need for a device or internet access will receive information from their campus as to when to come to campus to pick up those items. Make sure you keep the devices charged for school.
2. **Daily attendance is required.** If a student is absent, the student will need to make up missed work. **Students are expected to attend all 8 periods as scheduled every school day-** just as if they were coming to campus in person. A bell schedule will be posted in Schoology and on our webpage so parents and students will know what time each “live” class is held. During live classes, students will have the opportunity to participate in a lesson and be able to interact with the teacher and other students. In addition to live classes, students may also retrieve assignments from Schoology by going to their teacher’s page. Students should complete the work on the same day the assignment is posted.
3. If a student misses class, they will be marked absent and parent/guardians will be notified. After 10 absences in the semester, **students will lose credit due to lack of attendance**. Truancy laws are still in effect.
4. **Grades will be awarded for assignments and work assigned to students.** Students are expected to fulfill all work expectations for each class. Student grades will be calculated and reported as they would be when students are on campus. These grades will be used to calculate

their progress reports and report cards. We will use our normal grading scale for grades on progress reports and report cards. **Semester averages will be used to calculate GPA and Class Rank and will be part of a student's transcript.** This is in reference to 8th grade classes for high school credit.

5. Tests and projects are a part of the educational process. Students are expected to fulfill all work expectations. Academic honesty is required. Academic dishonesty (cheating) has consequences.
6. Most of the textbooks for students are located on-line in the AliefHUB and Schoology. Some classes may require additional items such as art supplies or musical instruments. Teachers will notify students when the campus will begin distribution of these additional items.
7. Lunch and breakfast intended for consumption the following day can be picked up at school between 5pm – 7pm M-F for enrolled students (students must prove enrollment).
8. Fill out the lunch application online at www.schoolcafe.com. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you also qualify for the following:
 - a. FREE College Applications when you apply to colleges
 - b. FREE SAT / ACT Testing
 - c. Pell Grant Eligibility when you go to college
 - d. More money for our school to provide supplies and services for students!

Helpful Hints - How to be successful in ALIEF LEARNS AT HOME -

1. **Pay attention to all communication from Holub Middle School and Alief ISD** via websites, social media, call outs and texts and Schoology.
2. Set up your learning area or space in your home. Remove distractions. Ensure your space is well organized.
3. Adjust your schedule to match the school day from 8:40 to 4:00.
4. Set up home routines that allow you to be prompt to your classes and permit “brain breaks” between classes.
5. Actively participate via Schoology and Zoom with your class.
6. Get at least 8 hours of sleep nightly.
7. If you need assistance, contact the campus in the following ways:
 - Call the campus at 281.983.8433
 - Send a written message to Assistant Principals, Counselors or Teachers via Schoology or district email. You can access staff email through our campus website.

I hope that this letter addresses many of your remaining questions as we approach the first day of school. Though we will not start the school year together in person, I have faith that you will be able to adapt and be successful in this new virtual environment - **Alief Learns at Home**. I believe in the Holub Hawk School Family, and we will achieve great things together!

Pauline Beckley, Principal

Holub Middle School