



# OLD COLONY

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Dear Old Colony Families,

We hope this email finds you well. We look forward to greeting our students tomorrow as the official first day of the 2020-2021 school year begins. **Students in grades 9 and 11 will be attending their vocational classes in person**, while **students in grades 10 and 12 will be attending their academic courses remotely** during our first cycle (September 16-25, 2020). Any exceptions to this schedule have been communicated.

## Vocational Update

We are working vigilantly to create the safest environment possible for students. We ask that students please bring all items required for your Vocational- technical program during your in-person vocational cycle. However, please limit the number of personal belongings you bring into the building, as lockers are not being utilized outside of the vocational areas. We will continue to make adjustments as we navigate this fluid situation.

## Academic Update

All students have been added to their Academic Google Classrooms and the links to their live sessions are under the "Coursework" tab in the "Materials" folder. If your student is questioning where to find the link for the live sessions, please watch "[Live Class Links & Google Basics](#)" tutorial in the Remote Learning folder on our website under our "Academics" tab. In this folder you will also find other important material related to remote learning that your student returned home with after their morning here in the building.

## Student Drop-off

Students who are being dropped off by a parent should enter through the front doors and report to the gymnasium or cafeteria and sit in the distanced seating **if they arrive prior to 7:30 a.m. Students should be dropped off on or after 7:15 a.m.** Students arriving after 7:30 a.m. should report directly to their vocational areas while wearing their mask and following appropriate social distancing guidelines. Breakfast will be available for students in the cafeteria beginning at 7:15 a.m. Parents who require an earlier drop off time must coordinate with Mr. Parker (Principal) who can be reached via email at [jmparker@oldcolony.info](mailto:jmparker@oldcolony.info).

## **Student Drivers**

For students driving to school, please plan to arrive on or after 7:15 a.m. Upon arrival, students who are driving their own vehicles should remain in their vehicle until 7:30 a.m. at which time they should report immediately to their designated vocational area through the F8 door next to the cafeteria while wearing their mask and following appropriate social distancing guidelines. Student drivers who are purchasing breakfast may enter the building at 7:15 a.m. through the cafeteria and must eat their breakfast in the socially distanced seating in the cafeteria or gymnasium.

Please remember to keep your student home if they display any of the symptoms below:

- Fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher)
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Headache, when in combination with other symptoms
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms

We would like to offer a reminder that we will be offering a Coffee Talk this evening via Zoom. The conversation is informal and will begin at 7:00 p.m. for those interested. You can register at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlkde6vrjwiHNfVb5YDknMJFmp8x1weNj0> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

We thank you for your ongoing patience and support as we navigate the weeks and months ahead. Wishing you all a productive and rewarding start to the school year.

Sincerely,



Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director  
Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School