



Veritas Academy

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Dear Parents/Guardians & Students of the Veritas Community,

As we honor and pay remembrance to 9/11 today, I hope you and your family are all well. I am writing to send everyone an update on current progress to re-opening and information for next week's mandatory student engagement and orientation days.

Last evening, we held a town hall for our families and we had about 110 participants for the information session where we provided health and safety updates, social emotional/ wellness planning and curriculum updates. We then ended with questions. Those questions helped inform some adjustments made to our orientation days next week to help provide further clarification to the start of the school year.

As of today, we currently have about 40% of our families that have selected to start the school year on full Remote Learning from home. If families wish to opt for full Remote Learning the application link is still open and can be accessed here. <https://www.nycenet.edu/surveys/learningpreference>

Next Wednesday, September 16th will be the first of 3 days of virtual orientation and engagement that is mandatory for all students. These orientation days are for students only because of the structure of the program. Outsiders are not permitted to participate in these events.

Orientation days will each run from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. those days. Students will be meeting by grade and each grade will be organized into 3 groups alphabetically. Early next week, on Monday and Tuesday, Google meet links will be sent to students NYC accounts along with the agenda for the 3 days. Attendance will be taken and students will need to complete a Google form survey each day as part of the engagement events.

Additionally, students will receive their complete course programs on one of the orientation days by Friday. Important information and contact forms will also be distributed electronically next week and they will need to be completed and returned by September 21st. Additional instructions about those forms will be forthcoming. The updated and revised student handbook will be posted on the school website by the end of next week. Families of students with IEP's will be contacted throughout next week about services and IEP planning for the school year.

We will continue to provide updates and schedule information sessions as needed to continue to provide as much clarity to the school year as possible. I wish you and your family a safe and relaxing weekend and we look forward to the return of students next week for the virtual orientations.

Sincerely,

Jason Vanderwalker
Principal