



IVY HILL PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear **Ivy Hill Prep** Families,

These unexpected circumstances have been a whirlwind for us all. As a school family, it hurt us to not be able to see all of your children's beautiful faces this week. Our team has used this week very intentionally to devise a plan that will support you and your children during this unexpected closure.

The update below is lengthy, but it is filled with great detail. **Please be sure to read the letter in its entirety to ensure you have a complete understanding of Ivy Hill's Remote Learning Plan.**

Ivy Hill's Remote Learning Plan – 3 Parts

1) Distance Learning Binders

- By Tuesday morning, all families will receive an e-mail from our team that states when parents can come to Ivy Hill Prep next week to pick up an Extended Work Binder. **We are aiming for Wednesday, but will confirm on Tuesday of the upcoming week. Please stay tuned!** This binder will consist of three to four weeks of work that students should work on daily.
- Students are expected to complete all packets and return to school with them upon our opening to receive full credit.
- We encourage families to split this work up, as we've assigned, to ensure it lasts for our time apart. As they complete their daily assignments for the day, instead of going to the next day's work, **they can instead complete digital work on their very own Chromebook!** *(Get excited! See details directly below.)*

2) Chromebooks for All Students

- When you pick up your child's Distance Learning Binder, you will also pick up a Chromebook for your child that will come set with a Video Application called, Zoom. Students will utilize this Application to have 1 on 1 conferencing with their teachers 2-3 times per week.
- With your Chromebook, you will receive a list of websites that are **free and rigorous**. Please utilize the list we give you to access these educational tools that will (1) ensure your child continues to learn, and (2) will continue to make learning fun until our school doors open again.
- **Disclaimer: Chromebooks are property of Ivy Hill Preparatory Charter School. Upon receiving your Chromebook, all parents will fill out a waiver that lists the expectations for Chromebook use and its safe return to the school.*

3) 1 on 1 Conferencing With Teachers 2-3 Times Per Week

- By Monday EOD, all families will receive a personal phone call from your child's teacher. Your child's teacher will tell you the days and times that she will be personally video conferencing with your child during the week.



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- During video conferencing, it is imperative that you are:
 - On Time
 - Come prepared with your Distance Learning Binder
 - In an area that your child can clearly hear his/her teacher

If you do not have internet at home....

We have confirmation that Altice and Spectrum are offering free wifi installation for families impacted by the COVID-19. Please contact them as soon as possible to get wifi installed in your home.

Altice Phone Numbers: 1-888-200-9522 & 1-888-633-0030

Spectrum Phone Numbers: 1-844-8395

Additionally, T-Mobile, AT&T, Sprint are providing unlimited data for their users for the next 60 days (Sprint's plan is effective March 19). Verizon will be waiving fees for late fees for the next 60 days as well.

You should take advantage of these!

Please keep the following in mind:

- Public libraries are closed and will not be providing wifi.
- Your children should not go to a friend or family member's home to use their wifi if possible. This is to try to ensure that students and families are practicing social distancing.

Our thoughts and care are with you all during this time. We are looking forward to the partnership and teamwork that will come in the following weeks to ensure our students still continue to learn.

If you need to communicate with the school, you can do so by e-mailing info@ivyhillprep.org or contacting the designated emergency phone number: **(646) 481-2032**.

With deep care and love,

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