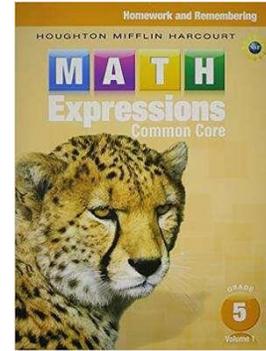


EPIC Newsletter

Empowering Possibilities International Charter School
January 2021



Message from Mrs. Cao- EPIC Vice Principal

Welcome back EPIC families! I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable winter break. As we start another month of distance learning, I wanted to reach out to share ideas regarding how to best support your student with virtual learning. We here at EPIC recognize that virtual learning is difficult but please know that we are doing everything we can to ensure that your student is still receiving a high quality and standards based education.

How to support learning at home:

1. Establish a routine- during in school learning students follow a schedule that helps to organize their day. By following a regular schedule at home students will know what they need to do and when.
2. Affirm your student- our students are working so hard, it is important to affirm (or praise) their efforts frequently.
3. Set up a workspace if possible- at school students have their desk as their workspace. Creating an area that is just for learning at home will help keep students organized.
4. Familiarize yourself with your student's class schedule- this way you can ensure that they are logged into the correct class at the appropriate time.
5. Communicate- frequent communication between parents, students and the teacher helps keep your family connected to the school. You can do this over email, through parent-square or by visiting your teachers zoom/google meet office hours!

IB Chat Series –January 2021- First Session on 1/22/21

Did you know IB has a different grading system? YES, it does. EPIC MYP Teachers will begin using this system in Trimester 3. Join us for an informative session to learn IB grading criteria, rubrics, end of year IB grades and how you can help your student excel. MYP Teachers will be introducing IB rubrics and grading to student during Trimester 2. Our goal is to have parents understand and recognize the new grading system to help our students adapt to the new procedures easily.

EPIC has purchased new math curriculum for grades K-5. We are very excited for our teachers to utilize this inquiry based curriculum next school year!

Important Dates

- Wednesday, January 13th- Progress Reports
- Monday, January 18th- No School
- Friday, January 22nd- MYP Informational Session via Zoom (link below) at 1:00PM
- Wednesday, January 27 – 9:00AM Virtual Coffee with Admin (link below)
- Thursday, January 28 – Virtual Parent Summit – 5:00 p.m. Link will be forthcoming
- Friday, January 29th- Virtual Learner Profile Assembly and 1:00PM (link below)

Link to all EPIC Virtual Events:
<https://zoom.us/j/8587099556?pwd=Z1BQY2ZaWU14MUJwMzZLZGdVb3h6Zz09>

Attendance is still **mandatory** during distance learning and more importantly, it is **crucial to your student's success**. During distance learning time with your teacher is limited- therefore, attending all virtual classes in their entirety is extremely important. Missing even just one class could cause your student to fall behind. Please make sure to support your student(s) in attending all classes and completing all assigned work.



CCCS WASC Outreach

CCCS WSAC is an independent study high school program offered right here at EPIC. This is an A-G program offering online courses with classroom and teacher support and CTE programs. They have exciting electives such as nursing, animal science, photography, and auto detailing and support distance learning! For more information, please visit the CCCS WASC website!

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