

Intro- Welcome to PHS - A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL JAMES A. CONDON on a red screen with intro music

Good morning everyone, I'm principal Jim Condon Plymouth High School. The beginning of the 2020-2021 school year is just around the corner. The staff and administration are excited about kicking off our new school year with you, ordinarily, I'd be meeting with you in the high school auditorium but current situations prohibit that so I'm sending you this recorded message instead. I look forward to the return of our sophomores, juniors, and our seniors and I also look forward to welcoming our new freshmen to the building and any new students to Plymouth High School as well.

I want to use this time to share some key information with you in preparation of the beginning of the new school year. First, I want to distinguish between eLearning which we've done in the past and virtual learning which will be doing this year. eLearning occurs remotely for all students in grades nine through 12 at the same time and it's announced by the school corporation. As we do eLearning, we are understanding of the fact that not all students will have internet access at all times so as our teachers create learning tasks in assignments for our students, they must be mindful of that. Virtual learning on the other hand is chosen by our students. Our virtual students have made a verbal commitment to their teachers that they do have internet access from home and they're capable of being present in real-time with our classes. This doesn't mean that your teachers are going to expect you to be present and real-time virtually every minute of every day for every class but the students who are virtual learners by choice should have the ability to be present in real time when they're expected to be by their teachers. Virtual learner's will be held accountable for their coursework just like if you were present for face-to-face learning.

August 12th through August 21st at Plymouth High School will feature eLearning so all of our students will be learning from home remotely. I'll be sharing information with you later this week on how to sign into your classes for attendance purposes and how to access your assignments for class each day. Your bell schedule will now appear on your screen. You'll see the virtual bell schedule that we will use for eLearning between August 12th and August 21st (show bell schedule). You can see the beginning and ending time for each period. You will also see your advisory time and your lunchtime. Advisory will meet this year on Mondays through Thursdays and Fridays we will release school 1/2 hour early for teachers' professional development. We will also take a common lunch schoolwide during our remote eLearning between August 12th and August 21st that lunch break will be from 11:10 to 11:40. Your Friday schedule will look a bit different as I mentioned and here is your Friday schedule (show Friday Schedule) that we will use during eLearning between August 12th and August 21st. The difference being that there is no fourth period advisory so after you finish your third period class you would go straight to lunch.

Next, I want to show you how you can access your class schedule for classes that are currently available in PowerSchool. If you're unfamiliar with PowerSchool here is how you can find your courses. You are going to go to the Plymouth website www.plymouth.k12.in.us. Once you've

arrived at the website, you're going to click on students and you'll get a list as shown here and you're going to click on log into PowerSchool. You'll then enter your username and your password and your core schedule will appear on your screen. If you have any questions about accessing your course schedule, contact the Plymouth High School guidance department. The next thing I'd like to talk about is technology. I received several emails and phone calls from students already questioning how I can pick up my iPad if I'm a new student or how I can access technology support if I have damaged my iPad. We're going to do a pick up process on August 11th between 1 and 6 o'clock for those students who need to pick up their iPad and their charger. Pick up drive-thru process will be done without you getting out of your car. It'll be conducted just outside door 7 behind Plymouth High School. If you have damage to your technology to your iPad, screen, the charger, etc., you'll access technology support by completing a survey that's going to be sent out to you by the library and Mrs. Hillard. You will be receiving that email later this week. This survey is only to be completed by those students who currently have damage to their iPad or their technology device will complete that survey and it'll automatically be returned dumped into a spreadsheet and then a technician will be reaching out to provide assistance.

In conclusion, I look forward to our return for the beginning of the new school year. The 20-21 school year like any other will have a combination of challenges and success stories. I guarantee you that we will work together through those challenges and we will also celebrate together as we experience our successes. Thank you for your time and please enjoy a great day, Go Big Red.

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School Begins Virtually - August 12, 2020
To See Your Schedule - Login to PowerSchool
Check Your Email For Technology Information
Technology Pick Up Date - August 11 from 1-6 p.m.