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# 2020-21 Parent Newsletter # 1

*Welcome back,*  
**STUDENTS!**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Student,

I hope that you and your families are well and safe during these challenging times.

For returning students, welcome back to another school year at JKO! For new students, our JKO family welcomes you to your new home!

This year commences with many challenges as a result of the covid 19 pandemic. Specifically, we will have to shift to remote and blended learning models of instructions for the foreseeable future.

Our school has chosen the following blended learning model (3b):

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Mon.
Group A	Group A	Group B	Group B	Group C	Group C

As you can see from the chart above, the cycle completes every six days and all groups report to school for two days every cycle. Students will receive their schedules with a Zero Period indicating which group they belong to. Students were grouped in the following ways: Group A (A-F), Group B (G-O), and Group C (P-Z). The goal is to reduce the number of students in the building at any given time in order to adhere to social distancing protocols. Group D students are fully remote based on parental choice of opting out of blended learning on the DOE Learning Preference Survey. Please contact Ms. Bernabel (Parent Coordinator), at [ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov), if you have not completed the survey and would like your child to opt out of blended learning and receive remote instruction.

As per a recent Chancellor communication, the fall semester will be delayed. Specifically, students will receive remote instruction from September 16 to September 19. The blended learning model above commences on September 21; Group A will report on September 21 and 22, Group B will report on September 23 and 24, and Group C will report on September 25 and 29 (Yom Kippur weekend). Sequentially, the cycle will commence again on September 29<sup>th</sup> with Group A. The cycle will resume where it left off after any non-attend school day(s). We will soon upload a calendar on our website ([JKOhighschool.com](http://JKOhighschool.com)) indicating when specific groups report to school on any given day throughout the fall semester. Prior to September 16<sup>th</sup>, all parents and students will be informed when synchronous instruction will take place for students who are part of the remote learning group and for any blended learning students not present in school because of their blended learning cycle.

We are anxious to welcome students, faculty and staff back to our school building. However, we will prepare for this. While the duration of the pandemic remains unclear, and the situation continues to evolve, we remain focused on the implementation of public health control measures such as social distancing, cleaning and disinfection, the use of appropriate personal protective equipment, along with other safety protocols. Please note that we will try to conduct all necessary meetings with parents remotely. All visitors to the school building must use face masks, have their temperature taken by the school with a non-touch thermometer, answer covid 19 related questions, be escorted to and from their destination, follow social distancing guidelines of six feet, as well as any and all other DOE safety protocols. Additionally, the Chancellor has announced the following:

***“Beginning October 1 and recurring each month, mandatory testing in schools will be comprised of a random sample of 10-20% of a school's student and staff population. This will bolster our commitment to health and safety for everyone in our school communities. We will also share additional guidance and information on testing soon.”***

**Additionally, the following protocols, among others, will be adhered to:**

School-based staff and students cannot report to school if they have:

- Been knowingly in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19.
- Tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- Experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of greater than 100.0°F, in the past 14 days.
  - Traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days.

Every morning, prior to entering the school, specific staff will perform random samplings of temperatures for both students and school-based staff using non-touch thermometers.

- Face coverings and gloves will be worn continually by designated staff taking temperatures.
- Any student exhibiting a fever from a random temperature check will be evaluated by the nurse or health professional. If a nurse or health professional is unavailable, student will be escorted to the building's Isolation Room. An Isolation Room is a place where a student with suspected COVID-19 symptoms can be safely isolated in the building until they can be picked up by a guardian.
- Students showing symptoms of COVID-19 will be escorted to the Isolation Room by a designated staff member wearing appropriate PPE. Symptoms of COVID-19 are:
  - Fever of 100.0°F or higher or chills
  - Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat, congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
- The area where the student was showing symptoms will be immediately cleaned and disinfected.
- The nurse or health professional, wearing appropriate PPE, will evaluate the student in the Isolation Room for symptoms of COVID-19.
- A family member or guardian will be contacted by a staff member and asked to pick up the student.
- Upon pick up, the nurse/health professional and school staff will strongly recommend the family to visit a doctor and get the student tested for COVID-19, and provide the information of the closest testing site, if asked.
- The Isolation Room will be closed and a deep cleaning will be performed before it can be used again.

The goal is to ensure that all members of our school community are safe when inside the school building.

I truly look forward to our partnership in ensuring that your child is successful and safe throughout the school year. Feel free to contact the school should you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,



Manuel A. Ureña, Principal

## Announcements

- The following is the bell schedule for the 2020-21 school year:

PERIOD	START TIME	END TIME
<b>1</b>	8:30	9:12
<b>2</b>	9:14	9:56
<b>3</b>	9:58	10:40
<b>4 lunch</b>	10:42	11:24
<b>5 lunch</b>	11:26	12:08
<b>6 lunch</b>	12:10	12:52
<b>7 lunch</b>	12:54	1:36
<b>8</b>	1:38	2:20

Breakfast is available from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

- Students in groups A, B, and C will be given their school issued agenda books, metro cards, blue cards, military opt out letters, etc., during 8 period on Monday (Group A), Wednesday (Group B), and Friday (Group C) of next week. This will allow for us to access groups A, B, and C.

Group D (Fully Remote Students) will receive their supplies/school items this Friday (11/12 grades) and Monday (9/10 grades). We will place a table outside if weather permits and have them sign for the items there. Grades 9 and 11 must report from 9 AM to 11 AM and grades 10 and 12 must report from 12 PM to 2 PM on their respective days.

During the 16th to the 19th teachers will conduct classes remotely only. There they will share with students class codes for access to Google Classroom, class grading policies, conduct some social emotional learning activities, course specific activities, as well as share when they will offer office hours for all groups of students. Any student who is remote on any given day will have access to teachers during the day via a web based platform decided upon by the teacher. Unless specified by the teacher, all remote students will have synchronous instruction during the period for that class using the web based platform of choice.

- We plan on alternating floors (3rd and 4th) used for instruction. We will alternate every day in order to allow custodians the time to disinfect the floor used on any given day. Classroom assignments for teachers will be posted on the walls for students to see where to report to. Bathrooms will be alternated during the day to also allow for sanitization.

- The following are the grade distribution and categories for all departments based on departmental meetings this week:

Please ensure that you are registered on PupilPath, our online grading and communication system. If not, please reach out to Ms. Bernabel, Parent Coordinator, at [Abernabel@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Abernabel@schools.nyc.gov).



**Science**  
 Exams = 35%  
 Quizzes = 25%  
 Labs = 10%  
 Assignments = 30%

**Math**  
 Exam/Quiz Assignments 40%  
 Video Assignment Completion 30%  
 Written Assignment Completion 30%

**Social Studies**  
 Classwork 70%  
 Assessments 30%

**Phys Ed.**  
 Summative Ass. Written assignments 30%  
 Class Participation 50%  
 Formative Ass. Practical Skill Test/ Written or Video 20%

**Business**  
 Classwork/Online Assessments 40%  
 Projects/Tests/Quizzes 40%  
 Office Procedures/Digital Etiquette 20%

**English**  
 •Formative assessments [Discussion Posts/Classwork/Homework ] 40%  
 •Summative assessments [Quizzes/ First Drafts /Test/ Final Drafts/Projects] 60%

- Message from the DOE:** It's important that your school can reach you to share crucial information quickly, including alerts about confirmed COVID-19 cases in your child's school. Please sign up for a NYC Schools Account (NYCSA) so we can contact you via phone, email, or text message. With NYCSA, you can access your child's grades, test scores, schedules, transportation information, and more—from anywhere, and in all nine standard DOE language translations. In order to see your child's records, request an Account Creation Code from your school. If you don't have an account, sign up today at [schools.nyc.gov/nycsa](https://schools.nyc.gov/nycsa). It only takes five minutes!

**Spanish Version:** Es importante que la escuela de su hijo pueda comunicarse con usted de forma rápida para compartir información esencial, como, por ejemplo, alertas sobre casos confirmados de COVID-19. Cree una cuenta NYC Schools (New York City Schools Account, NYCSA) para que podamos comunicarnos con usted por teléfono, correo electrónico o mensaje de texto. En la cuenta NYC Schools puede encontrar información de su hijo sobre calificaciones, puntajes en los exámenes, transporte, horarios y mucho más, desde cualquier lugar y en los nueve idiomas del Departamento de Educación (DOE). Para ver el expediente de su hijo, solicite un código de creación de cuenta a su escuela. Si no tiene una cuenta, cree una hoy mismo en [schools.nyc.gov/nycsa](https://schools.nyc.gov/nycsa). Solo le tomará cinco minutos.

- Please complete the NYC financial forms, formerly known as Lunch Forms. While lunch is currently given to all students regardless of income, schools still need parents to complete in order to qualify for federal Title I funding. All information submitted by parents is completely confidential.
- Please contact Ms. Bernabel ([Abernabel@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Abernabel@schools.nyc.gov)) if your child is in need of a laptop for use in remote learning.
- Students will not be issued lockers for the fall to avoid covid 19 transmission. Students will be allowed to hold on to their personal items throughout the day.
- PTA/SLT Meetings: We will announce when and how we will conduct PTA and SLT meetings as soon as we receive guidance from the DOE. Stay tuned...

- There is no school on September 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of Yom Kippur.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> marking period ends on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The following is the DOE 2020-21 School Year Calendar:

<b>DATES</b>	<b>WEEKDAYS</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>September 16–18</b>	Wednesday–Friday	Fully remote partial school days for students.
<b>September 21</b>	Monday	First full day of school; blended learning commences.
<b>September 28</b>	Monday	Yom Kippur, schools closed
<b>October 12</b>	Monday	Columbus Day, schools closed
<b>November 3</b>	Tuesday	Election Day, fully remote instructional day for all students
<b>November 4</b>	Wednesday	Evening parent teacher conferences for elementary schools and K–8 schools.
<b>November 5</b>	Thursday	Afternoon parent teacher conferences for elementary schools and K–8 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
<b>November 11</b>	Wednesday	Veterans Day, schools closed
<b>November 12</b>	Thursday	Evening parent teacher conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools.
<b>November 13</b>	Friday	Afternoon parent teacher conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
<b>November 18</b>	Wednesday	Evening parent teacher conferences for middle schools and District 75 school programs.
<b>November 19</b>	Thursday	Afternoon Conferences for middle schools and District 75 school programs; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
<b>November 26–27</b>	Thursday–Friday	Thanksgiving Recess, schools closed
<b>December 24–January 1</b>	Thursday–following Friday	Winter Recess, schools closed
<b>January 18</b>	Monday	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, schools closed
<b>February 1</b>	Monday	Professional Development Day for 9–12 and 6–12 schools in Districts 1–32 only; students in these schools do not attend.
		Students in K–5, K–6, 6–8, and K–12 and

		D75 schools and programs are in attendance.
<b>February 12</b>	Friday	Lunar New Year, schools closed
<b>February 15–19</b>	Monday–Friday	Midwinter Recess (includes Presidents' Day and Lincoln's Birthday), schools closed
<b>March 3</b>	Wednesday	Evening parent teacher conferences for elementary schools and K–8 Schools.
<b>March 4</b>	Thursday	Afternoon parent teacher conferences for elementary schools and K–8 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
<b>March 10</b>	Wednesday	Evening parent teacher conferences for middle schools and district 75 schools and programs.
<b>March 11</b>	Thursday	Afternoon parent teacher conferences for middle schools and district 75 schools and programs; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
<b>March 18</b>	Thursday	Evening parent teacher conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools.
<b>March 19</b>	Friday	Afternoon parent teacher conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
<b>March 29–April 2</b>	Monday–Friday	Spring Recess, schools closed
<b>May 13</b>	Thursday	Eid Al-Fitr, schools closed
<b>May 31</b>	Monday	Memorial Day, schools closed
<b>June 3</b>	Thursday	Anniversary Day. Chancellor's Conference Day for staff development. Students not in attendance.
<b>June 8</b>	Tuesday	Clerical Day for K–5, K–6, 6–8, and K–12 and D75 schools and programs only; students in these schools do not attend.  Students in 9–12 and 6–12 schools in Districts 1–32 are in attendance.
<b>June 25</b>	Friday	Last day of school for all students.



- The following are the designated attend days for groups A, B, and C during the month of September and October:

September:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	A DAY <b>A</b>	A DAY <b>A</b>	B DAY <b>B</b>	B DAY <b>B</b>	C DAY <b>C</b>	26
27	YOM KIPPUR --	C DAY <b>C</b>	A DAY <b>A</b>	A DAY <b>A</b>	B DAY <b>B</b>	3

October:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	YOM KIPPUR --	C DAY	A DAY <b>A</b>	A DAY	B DAY	3
4	B DAY <b>B</b>	C DAY <b>C</b>	C DAY <b>C</b>	A DAY <b>A</b>	A DAY <b>A</b>	10
11	INDIGENOUS	B DAY <b>B</b>	B DAY <b>B</b>	C DAY <b>C</b>	C DAY <b>C</b>	17
18	A DAY <b>A</b>	A DAY <b>A</b>	B DAY <b>B</b>	B DAY <b>B</b>	C DAY <b>C</b> MP T ENDS	24
25	C DAY <b>C</b>	A DAY MPD 1 GRADES DUE <b>A</b>	VERIFY GRADES <b>A</b>	B DAY <b>B</b>	B DAY <b>B</b>	31

# VIRTUAL FRESHMAN Orientation

Last week new students were emailed the link to our New Student Orientation. Below please find a link to the video. A big thanks to all those who contributed a video; **Ms. Okwabi, Ms. DeGregorio, Ms. Kadison, Ms. Bernabel, Ms. Vega, Ms. Conte (Parent), and Philip Austin (Student)**. The video really encapsulates JKO as a school community and it is aligned to the rebranding of our precious school. Feel free to view the video at your leisure. Thanks!

Link:

[New Student Orientation](#)





