



**"WE FLY H.I.G.H. - J. P. Ryon Cardinals have HONOR!
INTEGRITY! GRIT! and HOPE!"**



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2020-2021 Back to School Letter

Greetings J. P. Ryon Scholars,

On behalf of the entire J.P. Ryon Family, we would like to welcome you the 2020-2021 school year. Together, we made it through a difficult school year with the Covid19 closure and we are excited to re-open our doors virtually to welcome each of you with a smile and open "arms". There will be many familiar faces and some new faces to the J.P. Ryon family. You will have the opportunity to meet your teacher virtually on Thursday, August 27th at 2:30pm. Teachers will email the information through ParentVue. Be sure that your account is active. If you need support, please email parentvue@ccboe.com.

We are all here to teach, nurture and support you in another great year of teaching and learning. Additionally, as you know change is inevitable during this time and we appreciate your patience and support. You play a vital role in scholar success in virtual learning. Remember our theme that will govern each day: ***"When they go low, We Fly H.I.G.H. - J.P. Ryon Cardinals have Honor! Integrity! Grit! and Hope!"***.

Our entire school staff remains committed to the CCPS mission to ensure our SCHOLARS receive our best through an academically challenging quality education that builds character, equips for leadership, and prepares for life in an environment that is safe and conducive to learning. Our Staff theme remains ***"We are the Superheroes who will Transform Our Students into Scholars who are prepared for College, Careers and Life. We're on a Mission"*** and with your support and involvement we will successfully accomplish our mission virtually.

As shared in the CCPS Reopening Plan, ***all scholars will be engaged in a live virtual learning schedule for the full school day on Mon. Tues. Thurs. and Fri. 9:30-4:00pm (3:45-4:00 is designated for Afternoon Announcements)***. Wednesdays will be devoted to asynchronous (not live) learning and other school supports, etc. To access the instructional schedule, click here: [J.P. Ryon Virtual Learning Schedule 2020-2021](#)

Teachers will share more information regarding schedules in the upcoming weeks. For now, please be sure to set up your scholar's workspace for virtual learning.

We are looking forward to building a trusting partnership with you to instill Cardinal Pride through our Core Values, Code of Excellence and Scholar Creed, virtually. Your teachers and our support staff will set virtual learning expectations and believe in each of you to make good choices, including showing respect to your classmates and adults, and being kind to others. We have a strong team of Support Staff -Psychologist, Parent Liaison, Pupil Personnel Worker, Counselor and other professionals who are available to support a successful school year.

Together, let's make this another great year of teaching and learning. Remember to fly H.I.G.H. and show up each day virtually ready to learn. We can do virtually anything together. If you have any questions, please contact the school. Thank you.



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Important Dates to Remember:

- August 27th 2:30-3:30 – Virtual Meet Your Teacher (links will be sent to ParentVue accounts)
- August 28th 1:00-6:00pm – MANDATORY - Learning Materials Backpack Pick-up in Staff Lot

Materials included Backpack w/ Agenda Book, Scholar Handbook, Code of Conduct, Teacher Parent Compact, Reading and Math Materials and Manipulatives, other supplies

- August 31st 1st day of school – K-5th
- September 2nd – PTO Virtual Meeting
- September 8th 1st day of school – PreK
- September 23rd Desserts, Dialogue & (Conscious) Discipline Parent Virtual Workshop – **SAVE THE DATE! - Learn helpful strategies to support you at home.**

Previously Sent Links for Quick Access:

- School Supply List: [2020-2021 School Supply List](#)
- CCPS Reopening Plan and FAQ: <https://www.ccboe.com/index.php/reopening-plan-fall-2020>
- Virtual Meet Your Teacher Flyer: [Meet Your Teacher](#)
- Laptop Request Link: <https://www.ccboe.com/askccps/> Laptop Requests are being processed through Central Office. Once we receive more information, we will update you for pick-up, etc.

Your partners in scholar success and distance learning,

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Scott Hangey, Vice Principal 3rd-5th