



# SECONDARY VIRTUAL CONNECTION

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Virtual Families,

Now that we are a couple weeks past Thanksgiving and gearing up for the holiday break, I hope you and your families are staying safe and healthy. If you are like me, 2020 has provided many challenges both personally and professionally. In the face of challenges, I find it is important to continue to show resilience and grit. For me it is about being an example for my own two boys. In these hard times, there are many lessons to learn and most importantly opportunity to support one another.

As adults we need to model a positive attitude towards our current situation. It is best to understand what we can control and the things we are unable to. Remember to focus on those things that we have control over. As students head into holiday break and look to finishing the 1<sup>st</sup> semester, I encourage all of you to challenge and support your students to finish off the semester on a high note. The following link from *edmentum* provides several tips for families to help support virtual learning at home.

[https://efisd.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_3451/File/migration/School%20Information/PG-2-VirtLearn.pdf](https://efisd.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_3451/File/migration/School%20Information/PG-2-VirtLearn.pdf)

If you or child needs any assistance please do not hesitate to reach out directly to your child’s teacher, school counselor or myself. We are here to support you and your child on their educational journey.

Thanks for partnering with us in education,

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## Winter Break: December 23 – January 1



### SCHOOL LINKS

<http://www.ecasd.us/DeLong-Middle-School/Home>

<https://www.ecasd.us/Northstar-Middle-School/>

<https://www.ecasd.us/South-Middle-School/Home>

<https://www.ecasd.us/Memorial-High-School/>

<https://www.ecasd.us/North-High-School/Home>

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS & RESOURCES

Virtual Learning Contacts: <https://www.ecasd.us/District/COVID-19/COVID-19-Virtual-Learning>

Technology Support/Resources: <https://www.ecasd.us/District/COVID-19/Tech-Support-and-Resources>

High School Student Services – Canvas page <https://ecasd.instructure.com/courses/34369>

## Schedule for Virtual Pick-up Materials

### Delong Material Pick-Up:

Cohort C students will be able to pick up **Thursday: Dec. 17**, from 7:00 am - 4:30 pm at door 1. Teachers will inform their students if they have materials to pick up. Multiple items will be bagged and clearly marked with the student name in the door 1 lobby. Cohort C families may drop off library books and textbooks on materials pick up days. These should be placed in the labeled bins.

Cohort C students may request books to be picked up on scheduled pickup days: Dec. 17. See your school's library website for instructions. Those are also the days to return books you have finished. Email Mrs. Nord at [mnord@ecasd.us](mailto:mnord@ecasd.us) with questions and happy reading!

### Northstar Material Pick-Up:

Cohort C students will be able to pick up materials on these **Thursday: Dec. 17**, from 7:00 am - 4:30 pm at door 1. Teachers will inform their students if they have materials to pick up. Items will be bagged and/or clearly marked with the student name on tables within the door 1 lobby. Cohort C families may drop off library books and textbooks on materials pick up days. These should be placed in the labeled bins.

Cohort C students may also request books to be picked up on scheduled pickup days: Dec. 17. See your school's library website for instructions. Those are also the days to return books you have finished. Email Mrs. Nord at [mnord@ecasd.us](mailto:mnord@ecasd.us) with questions and happy reading!

### South Material Pick-Up:

Cohort C students will be able to pick up materials **Thursday: Dec. 17**, from 7:00 am - 4:30 pm at door 1. Teachers will inform their students if they have materials to pick up. Multiple items will be bagged and clearly marked with the student name in the attendance office.

Cohort C families may drop off library books and textbooks on material pick up days. Place in labeled blue bin just inside the attendance office door.

Cohort C students may also request books to be picked up on scheduled pickup days: Dec. 17. See your school's library website for instructions. Those are also the days to return books you have finished. Email Mrs. Nord at [mnord@ecasd.us](mailto:mnord@ecasd.us) with questions and happy reading!

### MHS:

The next 100% Virtual/Cohort C pickup will be from 2-4PM on FRIDAY, Dec. 18, be outside of door 15 (the main entrance/ attendance office). Pull up to the door and someone will come out. Students should send requests no later than 12 noon on TUESDAY, Dec. 15, to [kroffers@ecasd.us](mailto:kroffers@ecasd.us). Your teachers will post the title of any book, workbook, or other materials you need to pick up that week in Canvas. Nothing posted, nothing to pick up. You will only get a response if there's a question. Study Sync workbooks do not need an e-mail. Please pick up previous requests or they will be checked back in. See you next Friday!

### NHS:

The next 100% Virtual/Cohort C pickup will be from 2-4PM on FRIDAY, Dec. 18, outside door #7, back of the school off of Mercury Avenue. Students should send requests no later than 12 noon on TUESDAY, Dec. 15, to [rbruchert@ecasd.us](mailto:rbruchert@ecasd.us). Your teachers will post the title of any book, workbook, or other materials you need to pick up that week in Canvas. Nothing posted, nothing to pick up. You will only get a response if there's a question. Study Sync workbooks do not need an e-mail. Please pick up previous requests or they will be checked back in. See you next Friday!

As the weather changes, so will the instructions for pickup.

# Make the Most of Virtual Learning

# 1

## **STAY ACTIVE** PARTICIPATE & SOCIALIZE

Learning virtually can sometimes feel lonely. Actively participate in class by listening, engaging, and asking questions and you will feel more connected to your teachers and peers.

# 2

## **PREPARE FOR SUCCESS** CREATE A SCHEDULE

Virtual learning isn't just about the time you're logged into class. Planning and scheduling your time outside of class is just as important! Create a schedule, communicate goals and challenges, and stay focused to keep on track.

# 3

## **BUILD GOOD HABITS** TRY SOMETHING NEW

Virtual learning is often about finding what works for you. Try new ways of organizing your space, taking notes, and keeping a schedule so you can learn what does and doesn't work. Once you find a habit that helps, stick with it!

# 4

## **MANAGE BOUNDARIES** SET GOALS & TAKE BREAKS

School time is your time to focus on learning. Set safe and healthy boundaries so you can focus on your classes during the school day. Find a space free of distraction, take breaks when appropriate, and limit screen time outside of class to avoid burnout.

### **DON'T STRESS!**

**Learning virtually can be tricky, but we are here to help.  
Reach out to us if you need support.**



### **ECASD SCHOOL MEALS**

Free breakfast and lunch can be picked up at the following locations Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 9:30am:

- Delong (Parking lot entry from Moholt Drive – Door #7 in the back)
- Northstar (Parking lot entry from Abbe Hill Drive - Door #5 on the right side)
- South (Parking lot entry from Mitscher Ave – Door #7 facing Mitscher Ave)
- Memorial (Pull-up at Keith St. -- Door #4 facing Keith Street)
- North (Parking lot entry from Piedmont Street – Door #1 under the Husky)

Pick up areas will be outside each school listed above and will be served in a “grab and go” fashion.