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HOW ARE WE DOING?

Greetings Parents, Students, and Staff!

Great Stuff? No, not the spray insulation, what our students and teachers are doing!

First, I'm very happy to say that we are running at about **90% student attendance**, and that is wonderful. Please remember to submit absence forms when your student is out - they must be submitted within five days of the absence for us to approve them. [Absence Form Link](#)

Second, I got to spend time in classrooms this week and am thrilled to report that 70% of high school students were on-time, cameras on, and faces showing in class. I'm really excited to tell you that our Elementary and Middle School students showed **100% on time, cameras on, and participating** in those same classroom visits. High Schoolers - you've been challenged!

While in classrooms, I'm seeing teachers trying new things to engage your students, from interactive presentations to supplementary videos to new file-sharing ideas. I'm so very proud to be working with this incredible staff and these amazing young people.

The bottom line? We are off to a great start, and I thank all of you - students, parents/guardians, and staff for making our program the best it can be!

Benchmark Testing

Dates to be Announced

The CUSD has established a series of tests to determine student growth in academics this year, and the first administration of the tests in English, Math, and Science was set to begin this past week.

Unfortunately, we are still working out some technical and access issues, so we were not able to begin testing this past week as hoped.

Once everything is tested and working we will send the schedule of days and grades to you. Testing will happen at Chester High (in the library where orientation was) and must be completed in person - these tests need to be monitored and we cannot monitor students when they are home.

Asynchronous Day

September 26th

There will be no Zoom classes held - students are expected to continue working on their assignments as though it was a regular day.

Mid-Quarter Reports

September 30th

First Quarter Progress Reports will be posted on Home Access Center by the end of the day on September 30th.

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