



### Calendar and Grades Reminder

As a reminder, the last day of the school year is June 11, though some classes will complete work prior to that day. Final grades and report cards will be available by June 18 and will be based on an average of the students' grades in quarters 1-3. As there are no new quarter 4 grades, the school division will not issue electronic quarter 4 interims this year. Teachers will continue to monitor student work and provide feedback.

### Class of 2020 Graduation Update

Plans to celebrate the achievements of our seniors at non-traditional graduation ceremonies, to be held on June 10 (YRA), June 11 (BHS & YHS) and June 12 (GHS & THS), are being finalized at this time. A committee of staff, students and parents developed recommendations that align to state requirements as well as the feedback received from students and parents last week. Seniors and their families will receive a separate communication with specific details about the ceremonies on Monday, May 18.

### Summer Academics & Summer Assignments

Due to the ongoing social distancing measures, all YCSD summer academic programs will be held virtually from June 22 through July 22. Participation in the elementary and middle school remediation programs is based on school recommendations, though some space may be available for additional student enrollment. The High School Summer Academic Program provides students the opportunity to earn either 2 repeat credits (credit recovery) or 1 original credit. ***Please consult with your child's school or school counselor for more details on how to register for Summer Academic Programs or visit the [division website](#) for more information.***

In recognition of students not being in classrooms for the fourth quarter and the social and emotional well-being of our students and their families, the division will not issue any advanced and AP summer assignments for 2020, including middle and high school English classes. Rather, the division will continue to encourage reading through the summer and will explore additional opportunities to provide academic support. Additional information on this topic will be provided in the coming weeks.

### Microsoft Teams Video Conferencing

Since moving to distance learning in March, the division has restricted the use of videoconferencing in Microsoft Teams for safety and security reasons. Division staff have spent weeks evaluating new features implemented by Microsoft and have recommended that the division use the video feature during online Summer Academies.

We also recognize that the abrupt end of face-to-face classroom instruction has meant teachers and students will not have their normal opportunity to say goodbye for the summer. Therefore, beginning the week of May 18, teachers will be provided instructions on the new safeguards. Once teachers have reviewed those safeguards, they will be able to activate the video feature with students. We are excited to reconnect our students and teachers in this manner.

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### **Student Learning Platform and 1:1 Technology Plan**

As YCSD develops reopening plans for the 2020-21 school year, in accordance with state and federal guidance, we anticipate that our school environment will be different from previous years. As such, the division has adopted a new student learning platform, Canvas, that provides a uniform learning environment for both classroom and online learning for students in grades K-12.

Additionally, a division workgroup has been developing a 1:1 technology plan to support all students having access to devices both in school and at home. The division will use one-time funding sources from the FY20 Operating Budget and excess FY20 Impact Aid funding to take initial steps to supply individual devices. Those identified funds do not affect the FY21 Operating Budget. Additional details regarding the technology plan will be presented to the School Board Monday evening and we will continue to provide updates as we move forward with planning for the 2020-21 school year.

### **Food Assistance Program**

YCSD is participating in the [Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer \(EBT\) program](#) as part of a food assistance plan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture being implemented statewide by the Virginia Department of Social Services and the Virginia Department of Education. If a student receives free and reduced lunch, their family will receive a food purchasing benefit sometime in the coming weeks. The benefit is designed to supplement existing food assistance that may not currently be available and is in addition to school nutrition programs offered by the division.

