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Good Afternoon ISAAC Family!

We hope this letter finds you well. The purpose of this letter is to provide all of our **Remote Learning Academy families** with information regarding the **Remote Learning Academy (Plan C)** that you have chosen for your student(s) that begins for all Remote Learning Academy students on Monday, August 31, 2020. Parents who have chosen the Hybrid Plan can refer to the attached frequently asked questions document that has been sent with this email.

RIGOR & ATTENDANCE

The rigor and expectations will be the same as the in-person experience. All classes will use instructional materials available electronically throughout the remote learning experience. Learning opportunities will include recorded asynchronous video instruction available to your child throughout the day/week and live office hour sessions and supports. Asynchronous videos allow for students to access the instruction when it is most convenient for the family. We understand that students may not be at home during the day and may need the flexibility to access instruction at the most optimal times. Although learning can be accessed at any point throughout the day, students must virtually check-in through a link that will be available on our website and/or through an icon on their computer. Throughout the remote learning experience, students will remain enrolled at ISAAC. Moreover, the attendance policy will be the same as if your student was receiving in-person learning.

SCHEDULING & CHOICE

Each student will experience a schedule and grading structure similar to each student attending an in-person instruction plan. Each schedule will consist of four core academic classes (mathematics, English, social studies, science) and three electives. All Remote Learning Academy student schedules will be available by Friday, August 21, 2020 via the student and parent PowerSchool portal. This will allow for a seamless transition if you decide to return your student to an existing in-person instruction model. In the event that your student starts remotely but later decides to change to an in-person instruction model, please give us a call and we will schedule a meeting to ensure that all necessary adjustments are made to the schedule in preparation for your student's return to a specific cohort.

HOW IT WORKS

Students will begin the Remote Learning Academy on August 31, 2020. Each Monday and Wednesday, students will receive an asynchronous video for each of their classes twice a week. Monday's videos will be sent by 9 am and Wednesday's videos will be sent before 2 pm. Core classes (math, English, social studies, science) will have videos that could last up to 25 minutes in length while all elective classes will also provide asynchronous videos (up to 10-15 minutes in length) along with an assignment designed to be completed in less time than a core assignment. An assignment for each video will be given through Google Classroom with specific due dates. Student learning opportunities will include recorded asynchronous videos and live daily office hour sessions and supports through ZOOM.

LIVE SYNCHRONOUS ADVISORY

The social and emotional needs of our students are paramount to us. One of the lessons learned from last year was the need to offer synchronous opportunities for students studying remotely. As a result of this feedback, all Remote Learning Academy students will experience social and emotional instruction and activities through our Advisory model. Our counselor and social workers will be hosting live synchronous videos twice a week for each Remote Learning cohort of students where they will receive a similar lesson as the in-person students while interacting with their peers.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT SUPPORTS

All of our students requiring additional support, will receive appropriate support and services according to their Student Intervention plans (SRBI), Individualized Educational plans (Special Education IEPs), 504 plans, and English Learners plans (EL). Students with plans and supports will have set times with their case managers and/or support staff members periodically throughout the week via ZOOM. These synchronous sessions will be communicated with parents in the upcoming week ahead. In addition to these supports, all teachers will have daily office hours at 2:15 pm each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and additional sessions on Wednesday from 12 to 1 pm and 2 to 3 pm.

LAPTOP PICK-UP

Students who do NOT already have a school issued laptop will be contacted by the main office staff with a time to pick up their laptop during the week of August 24, 2020. In addition, if any students are experiencing technical issues with their laptop from the 2019-2020 school year, they should contact the main office via phone or email: it@isaacschool.org.

MEALS FOR REMOTE LEARNING ACADEMY

ISAAC participates in the National School Lunch Program and will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students. Students in the Remote Learning Academy will be provided free meals for each school day. Additional details regarding times and dates for meal pick-ups will be forthcoming.

As we enter the beginning of the new school year, I am so grateful to the professional staff who have and continue to prepare for the safe and rewarding opening of the school year for all students who are in-person or remote. Moreover, your unwavering support has been inspiring as we work hard to make the 2020-2021 school year and successful.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Spera', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Nicholas J. Spera
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