



# Sisters High School

“Home of the Outlaws”

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Dear Sisters High School Community,

Welcome back to the 2020-21 School year. This year looks to be another memorable one for sure. As you have undoubtedly heard by now, we are beginning the year in Comprehensive Distance Learning. This means students will receive instruction from our teachers virtually. We fully anticipate this will only be for six weeks and then students will return to campus. Over the next week, we are hosting informational sessions to walk through the various options at each of our Sister's schools.

Our **high school meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, August 10th at 5:00 pm** and you can join the Zoom meeting by using the attached link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76502714087?pwd=WTRLajErcEh5Tm4ra3M0K0prSTV2Zz09>

We were creative in developing our operational blueprint. The Oregon Department of Education provided the guiding principles and we paid attention to the importance of small cohorts to keep our students safe. Yet, we also are taking advantage of this situation to try some strategies to improve our learning environment. I will provide you with the details on Monday, but here are some of the main structural ideas we have created:

1. **Two Options:** Work with our teachers through Comprehensive Distance Learning or students may work through Sisters Educational Options for fully on-line courses.
2. **Six Academic Terms:** We will have six Academic Terms; each will be about six weeks long.
3. **Two Classes at a time, plus Math:** Students will take two classes each six weeks, academic term.
4. **Math All Year:** Math will be available for students everyday throughout the year. Math will not be part of the consolidated six-week class; it will be an addition. In reality, students could be taking three classes at a time.
5. **PE and Performing Arts:** We are also trying to make physical activity and the Performing Arts part of the regular schedule all year long.
6. **Grades and Attendance:** Regular attendance is required and grades will be assigned.

Please attend the informational meeting on Monday, August 10th at 5:00 pm to gain a better understanding of what the year will look like, but also to ask questions to help us better plan for the fall so we can start strong.

Please know this is different for all of us. While we have put together a strong plan, there are still some details that need to be worked out and your input, questions, and thoughts will be very helpful. Outlaws Together,

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