



**September 11, 2020**

Dear Achievers Families,

We have completed two full weeks of remote learning and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding as we *all* continue to become comfortable with remote learning. I am proud of our staff, that even under difficult circumstances; they are continuing to provide high quality instruction to our scholars, every day. I am also extremely proud of our scholars and the resiliency they have shown during these first two weeks.

The majority of our scholars are adhering to the Achiever's "**Golden Five**" during instruction. The "Golden Five" refer to the five, main expectations of students during remote learning; (1) arriving to class on time, (2) leaving cameras on, (3) establishing a space for learning, (4) entering using their First and Last name, and (5) wearing their Achiever's uniform shirt. Please continue to help us message this expectation to our scholars. Our school-wide competition took place this week, mainly for scholars who have shown their *Panther Pride* by adhering to the "Golden Five" on a consistent basis. The competition will continue throughout our remote learning stage. Stay tuned! Finally, I want to extend my appreciation to you, our parents. This is a huge change in lifestyle and it has affected every family differently, but through all of this, you have made sure that your child is ready to learn, every morning.

As we celebrate the highlights of our first two weeks, we also acknowledge some of our challenges. Although we may not have been able to respond to every challenge immediately, please know we have an amazing team that is striving to assist all of our families more efficiently. We have included our responses to your concerns below. Additionally, we have included information regarding parent- teacher communication, academic support for scholars (office hours), virtual club offerings, and an *update on our remote learning status*.

### **Student Schedules**

As we prepare our scholars for continued success, we completed a thorough assessment of our student data. After review, it has become necessary to adjust student schedules. Their new schedule is included in this email. Please review the schedule with your scholar today so that they are aware of start and end times for each class. ***The changes are not drastic and only differ by a few minutes, but please review the schedule with your scholar, by clicking on the following link: [CLICK HERE](#).***

### **Logging into Zoom**

- 1) Sign into your school email account
- 2) Sign into ZOOM: <https://zoom.us>
- 3) Click on the "Sign in" button (top corner right)
- 4) You will then scroll to the bottom and "Sign in with Google"

- 5) Find your school email and login
- 6) Go back into your bell schedule and click at the appropriate time
- 7) Wait for your teacher to let you in from the waiting room

Additionally, your child will not be required to enter a Meeting ID. Most classes are not requiring passwords, but if they do, the teacher will notify your child's class. Nevertheless, your child should be able to log directly into their classes via their zoom link. Please reach out to [aecpleadership@achieversecp.org](mailto:aecpleadership@achieversecp.org) if your child is experiencing login issues.

### **Xello**

Students are not required to log into a class to complete their Xello assignments. There are assignments posted to each scholar's Xello account. These assignments should be completed independently, and every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please email Mr. Smerecznik at [asmerecznik@achieversecp.org](mailto:asmerecznik@achieversecp.org) if you have any questions regarding Xello.

### **Parent-Teacher Communication**

All teachers are required to check their emails twice a day and respond to you within 24 hours. You may also reach out to me at [ncoppin@achieversecp.org](mailto:ncoppin@achieversecp.org) if you need assistance immediately.

### **Teacher Office Hours:**

Students may log in to their teacher's zoom links during these times to receive additional support. If you need to schedule a private meeting with a teacher, please send a message via email. Office hours are set aside to provide academic support for our scholars.

<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>
<b>J. Nini (Math)</b> Mondays and Fridays 2:10- 3:10	<b>M. Whitaker (Math)</b> Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 1:45-2:45	<b>E. Betancourt (Math)</b> (Drexel) Tuesdays-Fridays 11:30-12:00 (TCNJ) Monday-Thursday 4:00-5:00
<b>M. Bellamy (ELA)</b> Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00-5:00	<b>C. Carragher (ELA)</b> Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30-3:30	<b>P. Robinson (ELA)</b> Mondays and Thursdays 2:15-3:00
<b>P. McNulty (ART)</b> Wednesdays 12:20-1:20 Thursdays 11:00-12:00	<b>L. Yerneni (History)</b> Mondays and Wednesdays 2:30-3:30	<b>D. Aulisio (Science)</b> Wednesdays 12:30-1:30 Fridays 2:15-3:15
<b>M. Maier (Science)</b> Tuesdays 2:30-3:30	<b>C. Flynn (Science)</b> Tuesdays 2:30-3:30	<b>A. Pena (Math Support)</b> Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:15-3:15
		<b>B. Morton (Algebra)</b> Wednesdays 12:30-1:30

## Virtual Clubs

Is your scholar a Superhero fan? If so, so is Mr. Carragher, our 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teacher! All scholars are invited to join the **Superhero Fan Club**, every Thursday at 6 pm! Please email Mr. Carragher at [ccarragher@achieversecp.org](mailto:ccarragher@achieversecp.org) for more information!



## **9/11/2020\_UPDATED REOPENING STATUS**

As stated in previous letters regarding our reopening status, there continues to be concerns and questions related to COVID-19. While we are in the business of educating, our first priority is and will remain the safety of our students and employees. Due to these factors, Achievers has extended remote learning through **November 2, 2020**. Please remember, this date is tentative and is subject to change as we receive more information related to COVID-19.

We ask for your continued patience and support as we begin this new school year. The last few months have tested our ability to be flexible and show our inner “Grit.” There will be many challenges, new procedures, requirements and possible disruptions but please know that Achievers Early College Prep will continue to make student-centered decisions and adhere to the guidelines given by the Governor, the NJDOE, and the county.

We will continue to create and sustain a culture of learning that educates, engages and empowers all to be successful. This will require a sustained effort from all of us. Communication and collaboration will be integral. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [ncoppin@achieversecp.org](mailto:ncoppin@achieversecp.org).

Serving you,

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Middle School Principal