

Dear Nottingham Families,

We have spent the last two weeks working in collaboration with colleagues to get our virtual learning program up and running. We are very proud of all we have accomplished and are so excited to work with your children this year. If you haven't seen it yet, Dr. Duran sent out a [return to school update](#) today. As we begin the school year, you'll notice a few things about the schedule that are important to remember.

**Students need time to build stamina in working virtually.** You'll see larger breaks to start the school year that will be adjusted to smaller increments over time. This has been thoughtfully and purposefully included in the grade level schedules, based on the developmental ages of the students.

**Students need time to practice new learning platforms.** All teachers at Nottingham have a homeroom "landing page" on Canvas where your child will start the school day and see links to daily schedules. From there, the teachers will work with students to master using MS Teams, Canvas, Seesaw and other tools. The first several days of school will be devoted to learning these strategies and practicing them.

**Students need time to build a virtual learning community.** As with the regular start to the school year, teachers and students take time to get to know each other. You'll notice we start the year with lots of fun and engaging activities to build community, practice new routines and develop stamina for being in school. Content will start with review material and assessment and will build into new instruction in no time!

Take a look at these [helpful tips](#) to get your Knight ready to return. No matter how much planning we've done, we know there could be technical issues next week. If you have a technical issue, follow these 4 simple steps:

1. Visit [Nottingham EdTech Help Center](#) for advice on Teams, Canvas, Global Protect issues, and other app and device support. This is your first line of defense.
2. If you have trouble logging in, please keep trying throughout the day! The daily schedule will continue as planned.
3. Still having trouble? Visit [this link](#) for more specific ways to troubleshoot, and then report an issue.

4. **In the meantime, use the asynchronous instructional activities, ideas and/or suggestions that your classroom teacher will share with you before Tuesday.**

**Thank you for your positivity and your collaboration with us. We really appreciate your support and look forward to a productive school year. Let us know if you have any questions, concerns or needs. We'll "see" you next week!**

**Sincerely,**

**Eileen**