

# What to Expect in High School

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# Today's Agenda

- ▶ Check -in
- ▶ Some Thoughts and Ideas
- ▶ Success in High School -Hard Skills vs Soft Skills
- ▶ Fitting-in and joining-in
- ▶ Workload
- ▶ Relationships
- ▶ MyBG
- ▶ COVID updates and plan
- ▶ Questions

# High School in a COVID World

- ▶ How are you all?
- ▶ Strange four months – we are all in the “same boat” but not necessarily in the same “storm”-

For some it has been a light sprinkle

For others, it has been a downpour

For many, it has been a hurricane

*Students are feeling this too...*

# Some Thoughts and Ideas

- ▶ High School can be scary, overwhelming, and hard
- ▶ High School can be the best time of your life where most of your memories are built
- ▶ High School is a new world for both parents and students
- ▶ High School is a place where you can challenge yourself academically, socially, and emotionally
- ▶ In High School things matter – decisions, grades, successes
- ▶ During High School life changing events happen – driver's license, new friends, first job, first “love”, maybe first bad grade, college acceptance

# Success in High School

## Hard Skills:

1. Reading
2. Writing and Grammar skills
3. Mathematical skills
4. Study Skills
5. Research Methods
6. Note taking
7. Public speaking
8. Analysis of data (written information, numbers, situations)

# Success in High School

## Soft Skills

1. Critical Thinking, problem solving, decision making
2. Curiosity
3. Grit, fortitude, stick-to-it-ness
4. Leadership
5. Respect
6. Collaboration, teamwork, interpersonal skills
7. Communication, class discussion
8. Independence, self-motivation
9. Willingness
10. Ownership - learning from mistakes
11. Self Advocacy
12. Attention to detail, follow-through
13. Integrity
14. Honesty

# Success in High School

- ▶ Hard Skills are *timely* – useful for where people are at in particular times in their lives, they are relevant
- ▶ Soft Skills are *timeless* – they are values, virtues, skills and characteristics that will last a lifetime

# Fitting-in and Joining-in

- ▶ How will I fit in?
- ▶ What is there to do?
- ▶ What if I'm not an athlete?
- ▶ I'm the only one from my middle school – everyone knows everyone else
- ▶ How do I participate in or join club and or activities?
- ▶ Why is this even important?
- ▶ Balance

# Academic Workload

- ▶ What are the expectations in High School?
- ▶ Is High School harder than middle school?
- ▶ Homework
- ▶ Can I pick any courses I want in High School – especially if I want to study X major in college?
- ▶ Can I just retake tests until I get a good grade?
- ▶ Why is it important to keep up with my academics?
- ▶ What does my High School Transcript say or mean?

# Relationships

Student relationships:

teachers, counselor, advisor, coach, peers,  
administrators, Br. Larry, Oscar

Parent relationships:

teachers, counselor, advisor, coach, other  
parents, administrators

# MyBG

- ▶ How do I access as a parent or a student?
- ▶ What is it used for?
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Website

# COVID Update and Plan

- ▶ Watch the Website
- ▶ Watch Social Media
- ▶ Thank you for being patient – we have a strong plan but of course, it depends on what is happening in our world

*Questions....*