Hello Columbia Community

We hope everyone had a good week. We really enjoyed having cohort A students in the building this week. Although, not quite the same as having everyone, it was great to connect with so many students in person. We really look forward to seeing Cohort B on Monday.

On Thursday we were able to recognize over 175 students for outstanding academic achievement, work habits, and growth during our virtual 1st semester awards ceremony. It was great to see such amazing achievements through difficult times. I do want to sincerely apologize to those parents who were not able to attend because the live streaming link did not work. For those that were not able to attend, the ceremonies can be found on our website in their entirety.

“You can never be overdressed or overeducated.”
— Oscar Wilde —

Click Here To Download The in-person calendar for the start of quarter 3
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UPDATE:

When not in person, students will engage in the learning remotely via Google Classroom and Google Meets (same as semester 1).

Students are not to arrive on campus before 8:15. We will not have supervision before 8:15 and we want to prevent social gatherings on campus. Between 8:15 and 8:30, students will enter the front of the building at their grade level door and head to class. We will have staff directing students each morning.

In-person learners must have their Chromebook, charger, headphones, water bottle (optional) and any other pertinent school supplies.

The class times have adjusted slightly for the 3rd quarter. The school day will run from 8:30-3:45. Please find the revised schedule here:

(See Below):

Q2/Q3 Daily Schedule

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*Homeroom 6th grade: MWF-Period 3, TTh-Period 4
**Homeroom 7th and 8th grade: MWF-Period 1, TTh-Period 2

HEALTH UPDATE

Update from the Clinic:

Please make sure to do a self-check each morning to ensure that we do not have any students experiencing symptoms upon entering the building. These self-check guidelines can be found here. If your student is experiencing symptoms please follow these guidelines (English) (Spanish). If you have any questions, please contact nurse Amanda Kennedy at abkennedy@aurorak12.org. Stay safe and take care of one another!
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School Building

The school will continue to look different. Here are some pictures to help ensure we follow all safety requirements: (See below)

We are still working on our yearbook. If you have questions about the yearbook, contact our yearbook advisor, Miss Yankey at alyankey@aurorak12.org.
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Counseling Weekly Update:

We hope that everyone had a great week as we have begun to readjust to the hybrid schedule. It was great to see students back in the school and still able to stay safe!

We have a special opportunity this week for our male students of color! The Fayola Man Leadership Academy is a FREE 15 week leadership program that includes STEM activities, mentoring, arts, and so much more! For more information, take a look at this fun and informational video. If you’re interested, submit your application here or email marijane@sffoundation.org. The program is from February 5-May 22, so get your application in soon!

Eighth grade students and parents: this is an important reminder just for you! Please remember to continue checking the Counseling Classroom for very important information on High School transition information and registration. In there you will find information about different high schools in the area including the registration process for Rangeview and Gateway. This is an important time of year for registration, so make sure you’re checking the Counseling Classroom regularly!

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Please let us know if you have any questions. We can be reached at 303-690-6570.
Take care!

Sincerely,

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