

Caregivers,

On Friday, January 23rd, students will participate in a Virtual Learning Day due to weather conditions.

Why is CCSD using Virtual Days instead of the traditional days at the end of the year?

- The district recognizes that there is no perfect solution to making up for time lost due to weather or other circumstances. However, there were a few factors in trying this approach:
 - When reviewing attendance data at the end of the year, there was a significant drop in student attendance on snow make-up days.
 - Students are more ready to learn in the middle of the school year than during the summer break.
 - Students need routine and continuity, and if we can help provide this during an off day, it may benefit all stakeholders.

The following are expectations of our students during virtual days:

- **Virtual Days are school days and should be treated as such.**
- **Students will take their laptops home in their book bags.**
- We suggest **logging in to your internet** with your student's laptop the night before the virtual day to ensure the next morning begins smoothly.
- Whenever we **return to school**, laptops will come back with students.
- Students must only use their laptops for school-related activities.
- **Students should be ready for school – for all LIVE sessions**
 - Dressed for school, Breakfast eaten (Typical morning routines)
 - Ready to learn at a table, counter, desk, etc., so they have a workspace
- **Please help to limit distractions by avoiding things such as**
 - Siblings/Pets/Toys/TV/Games (**Please treat these days as school days.**)
- **Teaching schedules:**
 - **All Classroom and Special Needs Teachers** will share when they will have live lessons and when students may work independently. The school day will run 7:45-11:30, with teachers available until 12:30 for questions.
 - During **live lessons**, teachers will hold students accountable for being focused and ready to learn, like they would in the classroom.
 - **Art-Music-PE-SEL-Library** ("Specials") will also occur virtually via Google Classroom.

If students cannot connect and participate, there will be no penalty, consequence, etc. **We simply ask everyone to do their best to prepare their kids to learn!**

Thanks for your support—if you have questions, please contact your child's teacher(s).