



## Virtual Academy Orientation Meeting

- You will be muted upon entering
- Please turn off your video- it helps with smooth connectivity for this session

# Welcome to the 20-21 School Year

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[WBR Tech Desk link:](#)

# Quick Tips

- If you have children at different grade levels the orientations are similar except for high schools.
- Questions will be handled through the Chat box and answers will be posted at [www.wbrschools.net](http://www.wbrschools.net)
- The WBR Virtual Academy Handbook will be posted on the WBR Virtual Academy Webpage.

# Academy Information/Regulations

- You must remain for the Fall Semester(end of December)
- We cannot make changes now- Why?
  - Schools have configured rosters based on #'s Face-to-face vs Virtual
    - Including factoring in social-distancing and CDC guidelines
  - Staffs have been configured for rosters based on Face-to-Face and Virtual
    - They cannot be changed at this point
  - Transportation logistics have been completed based on Face-to-Face, Alternate Days, Phase guidelines, and CDC guidelines
- Towards the end of the semester, we will send out a survey to determine whether your child will remain in Virtual for the Spring or opt back into Face-to-Face Instruction

# Chromebooks and Pickup

- **What if my Chromebook was not available when I went to pick up on 8/13?**
  - We will call you when the Chromebook is ready for pickup. The tech department is working on assigning those.
  - If you turned in your paperwork on Thursday- we have your folder so will not have to fill this out again.
  - If you did not fill out paperwork or turn in your folder, you will need to complete this
- **If your Chromebook log-in is not working?**
  - The tech department is working on correcting those this weekend.
- **What happens if I don't have them for Monday morning?**
  - The first few days will be introductory non-content material. No one will be penalized.

# Upcoming Dates

- **School Begins on August 17th**
  
- **What will Week 1 look like?**
  - The first days teachers will make sure students are logged in properly
  - Understanding where to go for information
  - Understand how to use the platforms need for the class- Ex. Zearn (K-5), Edmentum(Some middle schools/high schools)
  - Getting to know students and your teacher
  - Regular work on lessons
  
- **Understand there will be issues the first few days as we work this out**

# Virtual Academy Structure

- Your child is a part of their school in WBR parish. Ex. Port Allen Middle, Brusly Elementary
  - Questions regarding your child's schedule, teachers will be handled by each school
- Each day is like a regular school day- except it is at home
- Instruction will take place during regular school hours
- A student week will consist of
  - Live sessions through Google Meets/Zoom
  - Individual/Group Sessions- these may vary
  - Work days- students have specific assignments
  - Teacher Office Hour Period- teachers are available for individual questions

# Attendance

- Attendance is required just like regular “Face-to-Face” school
- Students must log-in everyday at specific times according to their schedule
  - Being on time is critical
- Failure to meet attendance requirements will result in Truancy proceedings in accordance with the WBR Schools Policy- Found in WBR Handbook
- If you have a doctor’s appointment or will be out, contact the school/teacher. You can give them the doctor’s note



# Daily Class Schedule/Teachers

- You should have your schedule now if you came to Chromebook Pickup Day
  - If you did not, you may contact the school, they are in charge of schedules.
  - If you don't have where to log in for Monday- contact the school
  - PAHS- the teachers will be contacting you with your class codes, etc...
- Class schedules and teacher assignments are determined by each school
- Classes will be staffed by WBR teachers:
- Sped and EL Services will be provided

# Parents: You are the Key!!!

- Your role is probably the most important one of all!!!
- Support your child in this new learning challenge
  - Work with them and make sure they are logged in for class
  - Ask them questions
  - Hold them accountable for being on time and completing their work
  - Communicate
    - “It takes a village...” We need you
    - Communicate with the Teacher 1st
    - School Administration 2nd
  - Create a good work space for your child

# Creating a Good Workspace

## **5 tips for Creating a "Distraction-Less" Work/Study Area**

- 1. Clear off a designated table or desk for your child to make their own workspace (If you are working from home, you may want to have the workspace in an area that is in eyesight of your own desk)
- 2. Make sure the workspace is in an area where they won't be tempted to turn on the tv or play with their toys/games during academic time
- 3. Make sure the workspace is organized, comfortable and easy for the child to navigate their materials.
- 4. The student should sit at a desk in a chair if possible, as opposed to on the couch, the floor, or the bed.
- 5. If possible- wearing headphones with a microphone to help stay focused and avoid distractions from surroundings.

# General Protocols for Students in a Virtual Class

- Be on time for class each day
- Remain in class for the entire class period.
- On your alternate days, you will have an assignment to complete and upload.
- Dress appropriately for class (school-appropriate attire is required).
- Be fully prepared for class by having your materials ready and accessible before class begins. Materials for each class will be specified by the teacher.
- Charge your computer each night so it is ready for class the next day.
- Always give your best effort. Assignments will be graded.
- We will ask that students have their camera on their device so we can see them and make that connection with them
- If you have to go to the restroom, raise your hand- just like in class

# Daily Protocols for Students

## **Expectations for Virtual Classroom Participation:**

- Computer on a flat surface with the camera turned on.
- Raise your hand or use the specified signal to speak.
- Respond to teacher and classmate questions using the designated method of communication (type in the chat bar, write answers on a white board, flash your paper to camera when directed by the teacher, etc.)
- Submit work as directed by the teacher. You may be asked to take a picture of your work, create a flip grid, etc. Digital work will be monitored by the teacher.

# School Supplies

- Basic supplies
  - Pens, pencils
  - Notebook(s)
  - Scissors, glue, ruler (elementary)
- Material Pickup
  - PAES, Cohn, Caneview- held materials pickup at their schools for K-5.
  - BMS, PAMS, Caneview 6th-8th gave out materials at Chromebook pick up day
    - Math Workbooks(For all 3); PAMS gave out additional materials
      - Contact the school for materials pick up
  - PAHS, BHS- did not have materials for pick up- their courses are all online

# Grades/Testing

- Grades will be the same as in a regular classroom. They will be based on student work completed and participation in daily work.
- Final grades will be determined based on the grading scale consistent with equivalent courses across the school district. Refer to pages 42-44 in the Wbr Parish Handbook.
- For high school courses that have a state-mandated LEAP, the final grade shall reflect 20% of a student's letter grade in each grading period and 20% for the LEAP letter grade.
- State Testing- LEAP 2025, ACT, Workkeys- are taken at the school the student is enrolled in. As these deadlines get closer, the school will send out a schedule.
- Regular Classroom testing will take place via Google Meet/Zoom as scheduled by the teacher

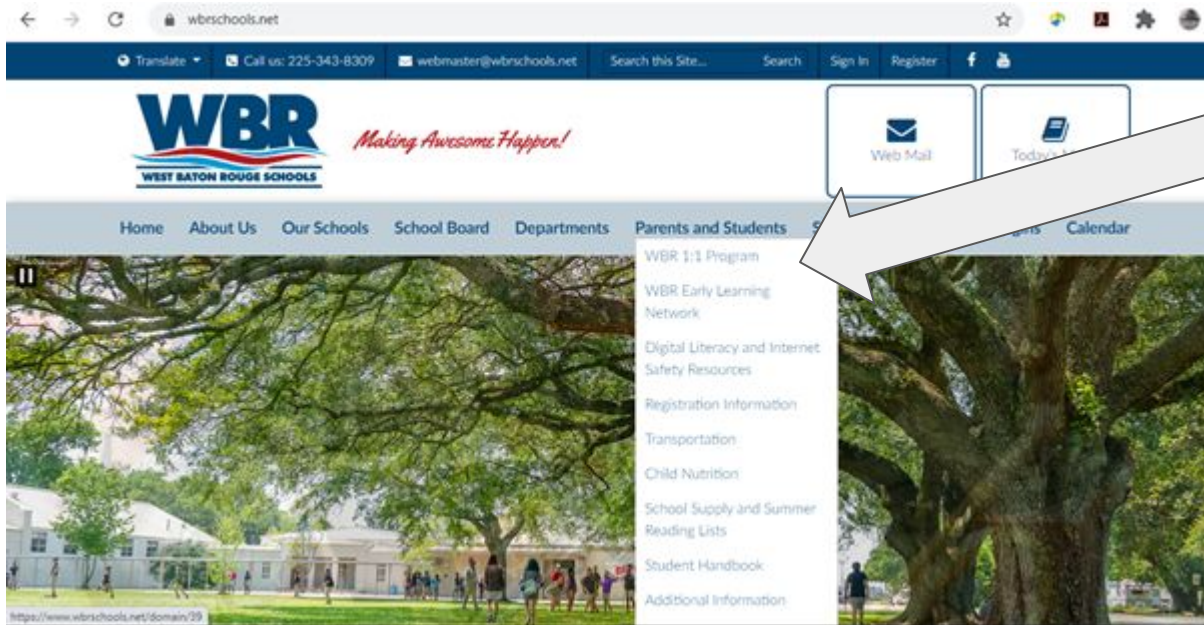
# Communication

- We will use a variety of methods for communicating with you.
  - Oncourse System
    - We can send messages through this format
  - WBR Blackboard Connect
    - These are the calls and messages that you receive from Mr. Watts
  - Email
    - We are currently using this format
  - WBR Virtual Academy WebPage
    - We will update this regularly. Here is the [link](#)



# Chromebook/Device Information

- All information is housed on the WBR Parish Website - [www.wbrschools.net](http://www.wbrschools.net)
  - Under the WBR 1:1 Program. Here is the [direct link](#)



# Additional Information on the 1:1 Program Page

Home ▶ Parents and Students ▶ WBR 1:1 Program

## WBR 1:1 PROGRAM

- [WBR 1:1 Program](#)
- [What is a Chromebook?](#)
- [WBR Tech Department Help Desk](#)
- [Logging into Your Chromebook](#)
- [Chromebook Care: General Precautions](#)
- [Carrying Your Chromebook](#)
- [Chromebook Screen Care](#)
- [Chromebook FAQ](#)
- [General Google Information](#)



## One-to-One Program

Chromebook and  
Galaxy Tablet Information

## WBR ONE-TO-ONE PROGRAM

### Background Information

West Baton Rouge Parish Schools endeavors to prepare our students for an ever-changing world where technology advancements occur at a rapid pace. The purpose of our one-to-one (1:1) student Chromebook program is to continue to create a collaborative learning environment for all of our students. This program is designed to enable our students and teachers to implement transformative uses of technology to enhance and support the curriculum. We hope that this program will also promote the development of self-directed lifelong learners who are able to keep pace with the rapidly changing technological landscape.

### Goals for Student Users

# Other Website Features for Information

Oncourse- There will be a direct parent/student link. It's under Academic Logins

This is where you will check your child's grades and much more.

You received a letter in the mail with log-in information. If that is not working, contact the school



# Meal Distribution

- Those who requested the 5 Day Meal Plan
- Starting on Sunday, August 16th, 2020
  - Pickup Times: Always on **Sundays from 2:00-4:00**
  - Locations
    - Brusly Middle(The old BHS)
    - Port Allen High School
  - Person picking them up must be the one designated on the consent form
  - You must pick up from the location you designated on the Distribution Consent Form
  - You will receive Breakfast/Lunch for 5-Days
- If you missed the deadline for requesting meal pickup
  - Contact [Mary.Couty@wbrschools.net](mailto:Mary.Couty@wbrschools.net)

# Well... Are we Ready?

- Be patient this is new for all of us
- There will be glitches and setbacks
- But there will be greater positives
- As Mr. Watts says, we'll #figureitout
  - It won't be perfect to start
  - We will work through any problems
- Your child is our 1st concern :)

# Questions- Chatbox

- We will answer some, depending on time
- The rest we will post on the Virtual Academy Website

Then we will “See You” in the Virtual World!!!