Parents and students, **Check Out** what you need to know for Freshmen Transition 2020 - 2021...

- You can find the Code of Student Conduct on the DCPS website: [www.duvalschools.org](http://www.duvalschools.org), click on the Students and families tab and then click Code of Conduct.
- You can find information concerning the cost of meals and forms for free/reduced meals on the DCPS website: [www.duvalschools.org](http://www.duvalschools.org). Click Departments on the main menu, then select Food Service. You can also call (904) 732-5145 or email Food Services at [foodservice@duvalschools.org](mailto:foodservice@duvalschools.org).
- Parents, please familiarize yourself with the school map on the school website which contains parent drop-off and pick-up locations, as well as parking areas. The front of the school is for faculty, staff, and visitor parking.
- Bus routes can be found on the DCPS website: [www.duvalschools.org](http://www.duvalschools.org) under Departments, then select Transportation. Additional inquiries can be made directly to the Transportation Department at (904) 858-6200.
- Adults who would like to volunteer to help at Paxon SAS, complete volunteer form directly on the DCPS website: [www.duvalschools.org](http://www.duvalschools.org). Click Departments on the main menu, select Family and Community Engagement, then select volunteers.
- Engage in Paxon SAS Communication Platforms:
  - Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/PaxonSAS/](https://www.facebook.com/PaxonSAS/)
  - Website: [https://dcpsws.duvalschools.org/psas](https://dcpsws.duvalschools.org/psas)
  - Counseling Blog: [http://paxonguidance.weebly.com/blog](http://paxonguidance.weebly.com/blog)
  - Remind: Join with code @bdg7adg
  - DCPS App: Select Paxon for school specific updates

**Items and designs vary**

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**Paxon Athletics (Cash or Check only)**

PTSA will have Paxon paraphernalia available for purchase during Transition 2020 - 2021.

**Paxon Planners for sale ($5)**

**PSAT fees for 9th grade ($17)**

All 9th grade students will take the PSAT in October. Fees will be collected during Freshmen Transition, as well as during the school year.

**Cash or Checks Accepted**
A Message from the Principal....

Eagles,

During this historic time, you will begin your high school experience at Paxon School for Advanced Studies. This experience will be unique and challenging but you must learn early, we as Eagles will achieve success. Many aspects of our daily existence will appear very different. From the wearing of masks and facial coverings to modified Orientation activities, we will adjust. Additionally, we will have a different weekly schedule for our students which includes students attending school in the building two days a week. The orientation continues to provide instructional materials, school information and a transition experience.

This orientation brochure contains a wealth of information pertaining to the grade level orientation sessions. Please take a moment to review the dates, times, activities, resources and locations we have outlined for your student. We have taken a great deal of time and energy to anticipate the needs of our students during this orientation. However, if there is something that we have overlooked, please call or email the school to inform us so that we might improve our process.

Presently, we have representatives from the Public Library, Chartwells Food Services, Paxon SAS Athletics and Paxon SAS PTSA scheduled to attend the orientation. Our goal is that Paxon families walk away from the orientation more informed, prepared and excited about the educational journey we have embarked upon. Although many have adopted similar formats to our orientation, we are still the standard.

Thank you for continuing to support our school during this historic time. Please know that the entire Paxon family will take steps to provide a safe environment for all those in our building. We are excited about the future here at Paxon and even more excited that you will be a part of this experience. I encourage all students to continue to maintain their academic focus as the summer nears end. Remember to complete all summer readings and assignments. Please spend quality time with your family and friends. We will meet and overcome this.

With Highest Expectations,

Dr. Royce L. Turner
Principal

Freshmen Transition
2020-2021

School begins Monday, August 10th 8:10 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.
Virtual Open House is Monday, August 17th at 6 p.m.

Freshmen Transition starts at 9:00 a.m. in the Paxon SAS Auditorium.

Freshmen will experience a specially designed and informative orientation to the Paxon SAS campus. Students will learn pertinent information for a successful transition to high school life. Some of the topics discussed will include schedules, study guides, school dress code, and behavior policies. There will also be a special parent only session with Dr. Turner. Students will receive their textbooks and can explore the campus. The day will end with an ice cream social in the café area with several organizations to familiarize students and families with the wide range of offerings at Paxon.

**Tuesday, July 21st**
- AP/Honors Students only (Last Names Ackerman-Garcia only)
  - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- AP/Honors Students (Last Names Getu-Licari only)
  - 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 22nd**
- AP/Honors Students only (Last Names Lockett-Richardson only)
  - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- AP/Honors Students (Last Names Rickerson-Young only)
  - 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Thursday, July 23rd**
- IB Prep 9th grade only (Last Names Abebe-Lewis only)
  - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- IB Prep 9th grade only (Last Names Lin-Yigit only)
  - 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Freshmen Transition Program**

1. Opening Session
2. Transition Activities
3. Textbooks

**Schedule Information**

Schedules will be distributed during the Freshmen Transition. We did our best to schedule at least one top elective choice. We will discuss class schedules and the school’s daily schedule in detail during the session.

**COVID-19 Precautions**

During our Freshmen Transition Program, Paxon will observe the recommended COVID-19 precautions. We ask that all guests wear facial coverings during this event. We will practice social distancing as much as possible during our time together and will check temperatures of all guests. Due to these unprecedented circumstances, information may change quickly. Please be sure to check our website or Facebook for the most up to date statuses.