T.C. Williams High School Rising 10th Grade and New Student Student Orientation

Thursday, August 27, 2020
7:30pm-8:30pm
Interpretation is available in Spanish, Arabic, Amharic, and Dari

Click the globe below and select languages as follows:

Arabic - Chinese Channel
Amharic - Japanese Channel
Dari - German Channel
Spanish - Spanish

Haga clic en el globo y seleccione Español.

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اتفر فوق الكرة الأرضية وحدد الصينية
T.C. Williams High School Virtual Tour
Let’s Break the Ice!

Go to…
Kahoot.it

The code is…
Principal’s Message

Mr. Peter Balas
Principal
T.C. Williams High School
Minnie Howard Campus
King Street Campus
Satellite Campus
ACPS Strategic Plan 2025: Equity for All

Alexandria City Public Schools has pledged to provide an equitable, high quality education which is accessible and engaging to all students in a five-year strategic plan approved by the Alexandria City School Board on June 26, 2020.

Equity For All 2025 is a bold and courageous roadmap that is timely and will position ACPS as a national leader in redefining PreK-12 education as a deliberately inclusive and supportive experience where all succeed. Going forward, racial equity will be at the center of every decision that the school division will make.

The plan’s mission is to ensure success by inspiring students and addressing barriers to learning.
The plan’s vision is: *Empowering all students to thrive in a diverse and ever-changing world.*
Campus Administrators

Carmen Sanders
King Street Campus Administrator
Twitter: @TC_KSCampusAdm

Cheryl Mills
Minnie Howard Campus Administrator

Izora Everson
Satellite Campus Administrator
Student Leadership Address

Miranda Sedehi
Student Government Association President

Karam Burjas
Senior Class (Class of 2021) President

T.C. Instagram:
  ● @tcwtitans

Class of 2023 Instagram:
  ● @tcw2023

T.C. Twitter:
  ● @TCWTitans

Miranda’s Instagram:
  ● miranda.sedehi

Karam’s Instagram:
  ● karamburjas
High School Virtual PLUS+ Schedule

Schedule Highlights

Mondays: Asynchronous Learning
- Accessed through Canvas and will include a variety of activities and instructional resources such as recorded instructional videos, online activities, and online assignments

Tuesdays-Fridays: Synchronous Learning
- Asynchronous learning Time/Targeted Intervention and Support starting at 8:30 AM (Titans Rising Time)
- Live, direct Instruction (1RB: 60 mins.; 3R, 5R, and 7R: 50 mins.)

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Semester 1: Sept. 8 - Jan. 28
Semester 2: Feb. 1 - Jun. 23
Synchronous Instruction

● A learning event where a group of students are engaging in learning at the same time.
● Here are the where and how in ACPS:
  ○ Where: ZOOM
  ○ How: Live, direct teacher instruction and small group instruction

● Special education services will be delivered virtually in accordance with the student’s IEP.
● English learner services will be delivered virtually.

Asynchronous Instruction

● Students learn the same material at different times and different locations.
● Here are the where and how for high school in ACPS:
  ○ Where: Canvas
  ○ How: Independently with the use of the ACPS-issued Chromebook
Learning Management System: Canvas

- Canvas is the official learning management system for ACPS and the main vehicle for instruction and information.
- Students and families can easily access classroom content such as teacher contact information, weekly agendas, assignments, announcements, and more.
  - **Student Access**: [https://acps.instructure.com](https://acps.instructure.com) with Google Login, or via [Clever](https://www.clever.com)
  - **Parent Access**: must access through [Virtual PLUS+ Parent Access](https://www.acps.k12.va.us)

**Tip:** Make sure to get the latest alerts by managing your notification settings.
Social/Emotional Learning and Support

The High School Virtual PLUS+ Schedule was developed with students’ social/emotional well-being in mind.

- Established time for social, emotional, and academic learning during 1RB
- Established time for building relationships and connectedness.

In the months of September and October, the school division and school (T.C. Williams High School) will:

- Screen students for academic and social emotional needs. Families will be able to review the questions and will be available in multiple languages.
- Create supports for students based upon identified needs using a research-based framework
  - Additional topics or skills to be taught in the classroom setting (Tier 1)
  - Small-groups or individual counseling with the Student Support Team (SST) for students in need of more intense services (Tier 2 and Tier 3).
Who is the Student Support Team?

Schoolwide Student Support Team

- Campus Administrator: Carmen Sanders
- School Psychologist: Michael Nyman
- Director of School Counseling: Melissa Deak
- Family and Community Engagement Specialist: Ana Bonilla
- Truancy Outreach and Attendance Specialist: Terry Wright
- School Nurse: Jennifer Malone
- Special Education Department Chair: Kellie Johnson
- International Academy Social Workers: Josefina Rodrigo and Andres Acosta

Academy Student Support Team

- Academy Administrator for Instruction and Student Support
  - Academies 1-6
  - Academies 7 & 8 (International Academy)
- Professional School Counselor
- Social Worker
- Administrative Assistant

You will now hear from your Academy Administrators as they introduce themselves and the team!

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Academy 1 Team

Tanika Waugh
Administrative Assistant

Kelly Davis
Academy Administrator

Susan Parcell
Social Worker

Mekaila Tucker
Professional School Counselor

Samuel Morton
Professional School Counselor

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Academy 2 Team

Chris Thompson
Academy Administrator

Tracie Jackson
School Counselor

Rose Henderson
Administrative Assistant

Debbie Karr
School Counselor

Susan Parcell
Social Worker

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Academy 3 Team

Casonja Lee
Administrative Assistant

Michael Burch
Academy Administrator

Samara Christman
Social Worker

Kristi Wooten
Professional School Counselor

Dee Marrara
Professional School Counselor
Academy 4 Team

William Esswein
Professional School Counselor

Fredericka Smith
Academy Administrator

Azaria Miller
Professional School Counselor

Taaj. Browne
School Social Worker

Tongeila Bailey
Administrative Assistant
Academy 5 Team

Jacquelyn Ball
Administrative Assistant

Kelsey Buchanan
Professional School Counselor

Alexander Duncan III
Academy Administrator

Nancy Nguyen
Professional School Counselor

Taaj Brown
Social Worker

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Academy 6 Team

Samara Christman
Social Worker

Maggie Tran
Academy Administrator

Edith Lewis
Administrative Assistant

Jessica Gilbert
Professional School Counselor

Janelle Lee
Professional School Counselor
Academy 7 Team

Kristen McInerney
Academy Administrator

Fabiola Bustios
Professional School Counselor

Andrés Acosta
Intervention Specialist

Victoria Menjivar
Administrative Assistant
Academy 8 Team

Leonor Gomez & Christina Mendoza
Professional School Counselors

Carlos O. Gonzalez
Academy Administrator

Josefina Rodrigo
Social Worker

Danova Claros
Administrative Assistant

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Student Technology Support

Student Device Information and Support:

• Student technology and application support can be found on the new ACPS Virtual PLUS+ Access site including:
  – Chromebook Distribution Schedule
  – Chromebook/Tablet Help Request Form
  – NEW Family Helpdesk Site

• The student helpdesk for returning 4th-12th graders is open at T.C. 8am-4pm M-Th to swap out non-functioning Chromebooks. Please complete the form to prepare your device.

• Need a Mifi for internet at home? Request a Kajeet here!

Student access information and directions:

• Find student directions for accessing a variety of ACPS tools on the ACPS Tech Tutorials site available in English, Spanish, Amharic, and Arabic.
PowerSchool Access for Parents and Guardians

Parents and Guardians should use the Virtual PLUS+ Access portal to access their child’s academic record and more through PowerSchool.

- Letters containing login information are mailed to families each September.
Lunch Applications

✅ Step One:
Ensure Lunch Application is current.

✅ Step Two:
Bring your Digital Meal Pass.

Apply online here.

How to Guide: Eligibility SchoolCafe
Cómo guiar: Eligibilidad SchoolCafe

Download Meal Applications here in your preferred language

2020-2021 English Instructions and Application (PDF)
2020-2021 Spanish Instructions and Application (PDF)

Do I have to pay for meals now?

- If you don’t qualify for free meals, please add funds to your child’s lunch account online with School Cafe system

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Titan Athletics
www.tcwathletics.org

● Reopening of Sports
  ○ Conditioning Days: Starting Mid September
● Parent Survey for Parents of Athletes
● Health & Safety Guidelines
● Instagram
  ○ Please follow us @tcw_athletics
● Twitter
  ○ Please follow us @TCWSports
VHSL: CONDENSED INTERSCHOLASTIC PLAN

- Season 1 (Winter) December 14 – February 20 (First Contest Date: December 28)
  - Basketball, gymnastics, indoor track, swim/dive, wrestling, ice hockey, cheer
- Season 2 (Fall) February 15 – May 1 (First Contest Date: March 1)
  - Cheer, cross country, field hockey, football, golf, volleyball
- Season 3 (Spring) April 12 – June 26 (First Contest Date: April 26)
  - Baseball, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field, rowing, rugby

TRYOUT PAPERWORK

- Fall Tryout Packet Paperwork due February 1, 2021: Tryouts Start February 15th
- Winter Tryout Packet Paperwork due November 30, 2020: Tryouts Start December 14th
- Spring Tryout Packet Paperwork due March 29, 2021: Tryouts Start April 12th
Start Date for Clubs and Organizations

- October 5, 2020

Please follow along with the schedule of activities and clubs, visit www.tcwathletics.org.

- There will be updated information provided at the site.
Library Resources and Support
Why Use the Library?

❤️ We can help you find reliable, helpful information.
❤️ We can help you find a book you will love!
❤️ We are here to support you in any way we can!

Where can you find us?

• Email: tclibrarian@acps.k12.va.us
• Canvas: We are a class on your homepage! (Announcements coming about office hours, programs, etc.)
• Twitter: @TCWLibrary
College & Career Center

Through the new Virtual Plus+ learning for the 2020-2021 school year, under the direction of the Director of School Counseling, the College and Career School Counselor, **Ms. Stacy Morris** will continue to:

- organize, maintain and operate the College & Career Center to provide a wide variety of career information and materials; and
- communicate with School Counselors, students, faculty, parents and community representatives concerning career planning and college entrance for all grade levels.

Ms. Morris will have office hours for students and parents to coincide with the Virtual Plus+ Learning Schedule.
College & Career Center Services

- Provide career and college entrance information and assistance
- Provide tools for the T.C. Williams college application process through Naviance
- Prepare career education and instructional materials for use by teachers and students
- Assist students in locating and using college/career information
- Assist students with college application process to include essay review and college application questions
- Obtain, organize, file and display college and career materials; catalog and prepare for use by students through Naviance and Canvas
- Plan, organize, develop and implement career events and publications to publicize Career Center services, resources and speaker programs
- Assist students with Career Center materials through the School Counseling Resource Center in Canvas.
Scholarship Fund of Alexandria

Darien Waters
SFA College Advisor

Our College Advisers are here to help you!
Ms. Melissa Harrington: college@acps.k12.va.us | 571-409-6186
Mr. Darien Waters: darien.waters@acps.k12.va.us | 703-688-2670

Join our Monthly Scholarship Email List: https://tinyurl.com/ScholarshipEmail

1) We work one-on-one with students to help them achieve their college dreams. For example,
   Choosing the best fit college
   Applying to college
   Brainstorming and editing essays
   Getting Financial Aid - Free Money for College
   And more!

2) We offer College Scholarships just for TC Students
   $1 Million Awarded Each Year
   Apply during Senior Year
   Competitive Process, but 1 out of 2 Applicants Earns a Scholarship
   Students typically receive $12,000 over 4 years

For Students with Documentation Issues
   You CAN go to College
   We can help you understand your options
   You can apply for Scholarships
# Important Dates

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