Dear Green Valley Success Academy Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. We hope that you had a restful summer. We will be returning to distance learning with virtual instruction until 2nd semester. For daily instruction students will follow our Distance Learning Daily/Weekly Schedule, where they will attend all five classes daily. While instruction will be virtual, live lessons will be implemented with robust and engaging activities.

Communication:

Maintaining an open line of communication between home and school is a key aspect of establishing trust and fostering a positive relationship. It is absolutely imperative that parents remain connected with the school. Please refer to the staff list on the GVSA Website to obtain teacher, professional school counselors, administrators, and other staff members’ email addresses. As a way to keep parents informed, we will regularly post updates on our school website, send robo calls to phone numbers listed in School Max, and make important announcements through your child’s Google Classrooms.

At your earliest convenience, please ensure that your phone number, email, and mailing address is updated with the school. If you are a returning family and have not received any automated calls from the school, please call 301-817-3100 and ask to speak with Ms. Erica Dawson, our school registrar, or Monique Goldring, Transition Coordinator to ensure that we have the correct contact number for you in our system.

Families may also access the following resources to receive ongoing and timely information:

- PGCPS Reopening Plan - Final
- GVSA Family Newsletter (Published monthly & emailed to parents via Blackboard Connect and/or accessible on GVSA website)
- Parent Orientation (GVSA will post the link to the emails prior to the orientation)
Student schedules will be available on SchoolMax as of Friday, August 21st. For questions with your child’s schedule, you may email your grade level counselor. To request changes to your child’s schedule, you may complete the Schedule Change Request form. Schedule change requests will be reviewed once all students receive a completed schedule. As distance learning with a full-day schedule is new, we will offer orientation presentations for both parents and students.

Save the date:

Technology and Material Distribution for students will be on August 24-27th.

The first day of school this year is Monday, August 31st; our school hours are 9:00 am – 3:30 pm and virtual instruction will take place during these times. Virtual Back-to-School Nights TBD (more details to come on our school website and announced via robocall.) Please know that my staff and I will login every day prepared professionally to meet the ultimate goal of educating and empowering your children. We look forward to working with each and every one of you and your families!

New this year:

Students will not be required to wear uniforms during distance learning.

School supply lists are being added to each school’s website by the Communications Office.

The main office staff will only allow access to the building if a pre-made appointment has been scheduled.

Meal Distribution will be on Monday & Wednesday ONLY. Time: 8-1 pm. Any students who live more than 1 1/2 miles from a school in their community, are being provided mobile delivery by way of school buses.

Students will have their schedules for the first day of school on Friday, August 28, 2020 in the morning. Students will follow the schedules in SchoolMax available through the SchoolMax Family Portal.

Here is the link to all of the tutorial videos, resources, etc. to access and use the SchoolMax Family Portal: https://www1.pgcps.org/schoolmax-support/ Again, there will be NO schedule distribution in person. This is the ONLY way students can receive their schedules. Schedules will be available through SchoolMax beginning August 21, 2020. Attendance mandates will be shared with families throughout the school year. SchoolMAX is an electronic student information system used by Prince George’s County Public schools to record attendance, grades, assignments, report cards, discipline incidents, and other information about your child. The Family Portal is an application that allows parents to view this student information as it is added in real time. If you do not have an email account, you will need to create one. A free email account can be
created at gmail.com. In addition to using this email to log in to Family Portal, PGCPS may use it to contact you about important announcements such as school closures.

For instructions on how to register for the Family Portal please click the link below:

School Max Family Portal

We look forward to partnering with you to make this a great year for you and your family.

Sincerely,
William E. Kitchings
Principal