

REMOTE LEARNING TO CONTINUE



From Mrs. Armentrout's Art Class

BASED ON COMMUNITY INPUT CISD WILL STAY IN REMOTE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEMESTER

Cuba Independent School District will remain in a remote learning setting for the remainder of the 1st semester. Teachers will provide remote learning for all students continuing to use the methods as in the 1st semester. These methods include Zoom, Google Meets, phone calls, text messaging, email, slap bracelet jump drives, paper packets, and others which work for students.

Students will continue to learn, in remote, 5 days a week. Remote learning for students consists of:

- checking in with their teachers throughout the week in the many ways listed above
- completing assignments
- attending Zoom sessions scheduled by their teachers/teacher teams (this may be done through other methods worked out between students and their teachers to ensure progress in their learning)

DISTRICT DISTRIBUTES JET PACKS

All households who needed a jet pack for internet connectivity were issued them to support student learning. Almost 300 jet packs were issued. Students can now access instructional materials and their teachers through Zoom, Google Meets, email, and Google Classroom. Although students have jet packs the school will continue to provide all other methods of access in case students are in areas where cell signal is weak or non-existent.



HS ART

Students from Mrs. Armentrout's class have been studying different methods of artistic design. The following are some examples that have been submitted. She is currently working on a virtual exhibit for the community as well as a student designed calendar. Well done students! You have such talent.



There are other paintings that will be showcased on the website and in the next newsletter. Thank you, students, for your creativity and allowing us to gaze upon the result of your talent. You all are awesome!

MEET THE MANAGEMENT TEAM

The HS Management Team consists of licensed administrators or teachers completing a leadership program. The team's focus is to support teacher instruction in the classroom. They gather weekly to collaborate on what is working and what areas can be improved. The team works with teachers in planning, implementation, and peer coaching and feedback. Dr. Williams is part of this team as the Lead High School Turnaround Director. As lead he takes on many of the duties of a principal but collectively the Management Team leads the school to improve learning for all students. The following are brief bios of each Management Team member.

Dr. Matt Williams grew up in Belen, NM and moved to La Jara in August of 2019. He received a Bachelors of Science in Secondary Education/Mathematics from UNM, a Masters of Education Leadership from GCU, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Organization, Information, and Learning Sciences from UNM. Much of his career has been as a high school math teacher where he taught courses from basic math to Pre-Calculus. Dr. Williams was an Academic Decathlon coach where he led three state champion teams to Nationals. He has been an administrator for the past 8 years at the school and district level. He is married to Dotty Williams, has 5 children, and 11 grandchildren. He is a hardcore math geek and loves to learn and see the beauty of this world and universe.

Olivia Casaus is from Cimarron, NM. She attended New Mexico State University receiving a Bachelors of Science in Secondary Education with a minor in biology. She has a teaching endorsement in science and social studies and has taught for 11 years at the middle and high school level. Mrs. Casaus received a Masters of Science for Teachers from New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology and completed the Principal Leadership Development program allowing her to get her license in Administration. She was awarded the Teacher of Distinction Award in 2020 from the Golden Apple Foundation in New Mexico which was a big honor. She has lived in Cuba for 19 years and is married with 4 children, all who attend the Cuba Independent Schools.

Carol Chavez is from Cuba, NM and attended the University of New Mexico with a double Bachelors Degree in Family Studies and Spanish. She worked as an academic advisor at the University of New Mexico within the Federal Trio programs (Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program and the Student Support Services Program) before moving back home to Cuba. Ms. Chavez has been with the Cuba Independent School District for 16 years and has worked at all three schools within the district. She was hired by CISD as the Program Coordinator for the 21st Century After School Program and held that position for a year before receiving her teaching license as part of the UNM Transition to Teaching Program. She is engaged and has one son and one step-son that graduated from Cuba High School last year.

Sherry C. De Baca-Rios is a Special Education teacher and lives in Albuquerque. She earned a Bachelors in University Studies from the University of Albuquerque and a Masters from the College of Santa Fe. Mrs. Baca-Rios has been teaching Special Education for over 25 years and loves each and every one of her students. She loves the Cuba area and is excited to be here at CISD.

Gilbert Dominguez was born and raised in Cuba. He graduated from Cuba High School and went on to get his Bachelors degree from New Mexico Highlands University. Currently he is working on his Masters in Educational Leadership. Mr. Dominguez has been working for CISD for more than 15 years and is currently teaching PE, Health, and Weightlifting.

Bruce Hatch has been in education for 20 years. He grew up in Lybrook and Bloomfield NM and went to college at Eastern New Mexico University. Mr. Hatch has been a teacher, coach, counselor, and an administrator. He currently is the Athletic Director and a counselor with the Cuba School District. He enjoys working with students and his hope is to help them reach their full potential through education.

Daniel Delgado is a graduate of Cuba High School. After graduating from Cuba High School Mr. Delgado completed post-secondary educational programs focused on science, education, fine arts, graphic arts, medical microbiology, and bioinformatics. Mr. Delgado has work experience in the fields of education, medical, and research and development. He has been a teacher at Cuba High School for the past eight years and is excited to be part of the High School Management Team. As a part of this team, Mr. Delgado is dedicated to making our High School Redesign a success and supporting the great things happening at Cuba High School.

Athletic Update

Per the Governor athletics has been postponed through the month of December. Basketball will be the first sport this year and we will officially start on January 4th. Basketball will be followed by football and volleyball and these sports will start on or around February 22nd. At this time,

we do not have a new start date for cross country but we will keep you updated when this information becomes available. Track will start April 5th. The seasons will be shorter and at this time fans will not be allowed. CISD, however, is working on ways to stream the games so they can be watched at home. Keep in mind that these dates may change and we will do our best to keep the community updated. GO RAMS!!!!

Counselors Update:

Scholarships!! Appy Today!

[Horatio Alger Scholarship: Due 10.25.20](#)

[Jack Kent Cook Scholarships: Due 10.30.20](#)

[Coca-Cola Scholarship: Due 10.31.20](#)

[Daniels Scholarship: Due 11.15.20](#)

[Hagan Scholarship: Due 11.15.20](#)

[LANL Foundation 2 Yr Scholarship: Due 11.16.20](#)

[NM Cattle Growers Scholarship: Due 12.1.20](#)

[LANL Foundation 4-Yr Scholarship: Due 1.19.20](#)

[DAR Native American Scholarship: Due 1.31.21](#)

[UNM Scholarship Page](#)

[American Indian College Fund: Opens 1.1.21](#)

[Hispanic Scholarship Fund: Opens 1.1.21](#)

[Going Merry Free Scholarship Search Engine](#)

[Chief Manuelito Scholarship Information](#)

[Fastweb Scholarship Search Engine](#)

October 22nd: Virtual College Visits for All Grades!!

- 10:30 am...UNM-LA (Zoom link: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/92367028963>) Meeting ID: 923 6702 8963 Passcode: 007659
- 11:30 am... NMHU (Zoom link: <https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/5054298888>)
- 2 pm... NMSU (Zoom Link: <https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/9166102274>)

Seniors!

Please, please, complete your FAFSA! This helps you to pay for your education after high school.

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Thank you,
Mrs. Brown

Below is the process for getting our instructional materials to students who do not have reliable internet connectivity.

- Every Thursday by 12:00pm teachers will copy and paste Instructional, Videos, Assignments, Resources, or other information to be sent out to students
- The School Secretary will upload the entire week's information to the jump drives for every student and place them in a plastic bag with student name and bus number.
- Monday Morning Bus Drivers will take jump drives to students. Those students who do not ride the bus will have to pick it up at the school.
- Monday students will download content off the jump drive.
- Tuesday and Wednesday students will return jump drive to bus drivers when they deliver food. Those students who do not ride a bus will have to drop it off at the school.
- We will repeat this process weekly to ensure students get the needed information for their classes.

Important Contact Numbers

Lead High School Turn Around Director
 Director of Athletics/PowerSchool/Man. Team Member
 Management Team Member
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 School Secretary
 Attendance Clerk
 Registrar
 Academic Advisor
 Director of Technology
 Director of Special Education

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