

## **The pupil educates the teacher...August 15, 2020**

Brazen Bobcats:

This will be the re-entry into weekly messages from Camelot. Throughout the school year, I will try to be succinct and relay important information once weekly. Please forgive an old educator's acronym-ic, verbose, and meandering intermittent thought-writes, I will make every attempt to truncate, and get to the point. So here goes...School begins August 31.

1. Teachers have received class lists. They will be contacting you soon to sign up for your appointment the week of the 24th-28th to meet with the teacher. Hours will be 8-4 each day with the exception of Thursday, 11-7. Some of the items you will discuss with your home room teacher:

Class Schedules, PTA, Transportation, Food Service, all things Covid including masks and school protocols, EnCore classes like orchestra and band and art, take a tour if needed(4th grade and new students), lockers, materials and resources, etc. Please sign up as soon as possible and we ask that only one parent attend with the learner and both wear masks.

2. We have purchased Camelot cinch sacks and lanyards for all of our learners. If you already have a cinch sack, you will have another. The lanyards will also have a clip for student masks and their ID.

3. Pictures September 9th during the school day. We will have re-takes in October.

4. Fifth grade students - we will be handing out your last spring(4th grade) pictures the first week of school.

A couple of notes in regard to instruction and teacher assignment - you will learn more during your meeting with assigned teacher - with the unique nature of our beginning and the invisible menace of Coronavirus, all is influenced by the safety of our students, staff and community. We are maintaining focus on the best delivery within the confines of distancing and other precautions, that are time and action bandits. We have three platforms of delivery at Camelot, Remote Learning, Traditional and MCL. At least as we begin, they will be as similar as possible to allow for consistency should any challenges create a need for significant change in environment and the optimism of a return to our usual education logistic in the future. This will be quite a ride. I thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we have to make some compromises to the norm. I can assure you we will still provide tremendous growth in your learner's momentum to the wonderful potentials each possesses.

*Yesterday, I learned that my son, a freshman at Wayne State(NE) had his basketball season either shortened or cancelled. His mother and I were a bit crushed for him and for us, frankly,*

*it is a joy to watch him exhibit and compete. I called to console him after I had heard, He is a kid who has overcome DNA and labored in love for the game which is so much who he is. This seemed an extraordinary new cut in the abrupt end to last season, golf season, tennis season and all the what could-have-been. I should not have been surprised when all I heard from my boy was the silk purse and silver lining thoughts of a young man who has had to endure so many interrupted dreams...letting me know that this was not so bad and all of the great things still ahead...the pupil educating the teacher with action and word and sincerity. Not acknowledging the difficult, only seeing opportunity in all he cannot control. Startling reversal as he begins his adult separation and when I reflected, his tone a mirror of the Brookings Community. Resilient, understanding and with supreme perspective. I am grateful for my boy and who he has become. I am grateful for the chance to live in this community that teaches me the proper humility and compassionate connection that makes the future a certainty of gifts and hope. My son and all of you help and educate me every day to be better, and the best I can be. Thanks to all of you. Please call upon me when I can help - I owe you.*

*Willing and loyal servant to Camelot and the Brookings Community - Kevin*