

EPIC Newsletter

Empowering Possibilities International Charter School
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Message from Dr. Kosch – EPIC Principal

Dear EPIC Community,

I would like to thank all of our families for their unwavering support and partnership during distance learning. As you may follow in the news, Yolo County fell back into the Purple Tier of California's COVID-19 Reopening Plan, which means that EPIC must delay its planned return to in-person instruction. EPIC has a plan in place to re-open for Hybrid Learning as soon as the Yolo County Health Department and State of California allows. While there are no dates to announce at this point, **we do know that distance learning will continue for all students at least through Friday, January 8, 2021.** EPIC will be communicating with parents/families via Parent Square throughout December regarding any updates about school reopening dates. Please see the important information below about Parent Square and register so you do not miss out on any important communications from EPIC.

EPIC IB Middle School Verification Visit a Huge Success!

On November 19-20, a team from IB held a virtual visit with our middle school to confirm IB implementation. Mrs. Sam Olson did a great job in leading our teachers to a successful visit. We have the most awesome staff at EPIC! We will know the results of the visit in a few months and will keep everyone posted!

EPIC will soon begin the use of AERIES Parent Square Communications. Parent Square communications is a program available as a website or a free app that we will use to keep all EPIC families up to date with our school. What makes Parent Square unique is that the school can send messages to families and families can also respond! To sign up for Parent Square you will need to use your email that you provided the school, you can see step by step directions by clicking the link below. Please note Parent Square will not replace AERIES gradebook, the school/class websites or our school email addresses.

[Click here for Parent Square Step-By-Step Registration Directions](#)

Congratulations to our IB MYP Middle School Team for their IB Verification Visit that was held in November!

Important Dates

Wednesday, December 16

Virtual Coffee with Administration – 9:00 a.m.

Friday, December 18

November/December Virtual Learner Profile Award Ceremony – 1:00 p.m. Zoom

December 21-January 4

Winter Break – No Distance Learning

Distance Learning Resumes Tuesday, January 5, 2020

Link to all EPIC Virtual Events:

<https://zoom.us/j/8587099556?pwd=Z1BQY2ZaWU14MUJwMzZLZGdVb3h6Zz09>

Attendance is still **mandatory** during distance learning and more importantly, it is **crucial to your student's success**. During distance learning time with your teacher is limited- therefore, attending all virtual classes in their entirety is extremely important. Missing even just one class could cause your student to fall behind. Please make sure to support your student(s) in attending all classes and completing all assigned work.



CCCS WASC Outreach

CCCS WSAC is an independent study high school program offered right here at EPIC. This is an A-G program offering online courses with classroom and teacher support and CTE programs. They have exciting electives such as nursing, animal science, photography, and auto detailing and support distance learning! For more information, please visit the CCCS WASC website!

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