

Dear Parents,

Hope you are well,

As you know, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education has presented a guided plan for blended learning. Upon further research and discussion, the school administration has come up with a plan matching the guidelines presented by the ministry and it is as follows:

DeBakey High school for Health Professions will have blended learning, which is an approach that combines online learning and in-person teaching in the classroom.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Days of School: Sept 1-3**

We have dedicated the first days of school to be an orientation to familiarize the students with what they need to know for the semester ahead. Here's what you need to know about these days:

- School hours will be from 6:55 am to 1:20 pm
- Prior to attending school, [all students and parents must fill out an updated medical form for the administration.](#)
- Group 1 will come to campus on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.
- Group 2 will come to campus on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020.
- Students will have extended homerooms where they will receive an orientation about school policies, procedures and safety measures.
- Students will visit all 8 of their subject classes to familiarize themselves with the locations and teachers.
- Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020, all students will visit classes using Microsoft Teams to better familiarize themselves with the online learning platforms.
- Each student will be notified of which group they are in separately via text message.

Starting September 6<sup>th</sup> 2020, school hours will resume as normal from 6:55 am to 2:15 pm.

### **Student Division**

Students will be divided into 2 groups to attend school in person.

- Group 1 will attend on Sundays and Mondays
- Group 2 will attend on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- While group 1 is on campus, group 2 is learning online.



- While group 2 is on campus, group 1 is learning online.
- Both groups will learn online on Thursday. No students will be on campus.

Each student will be notified of which group they are in separately via text message.

### **School Attendance**

School attendance is MANDATORY with accordance to the Ministry of Education and Higher Education rules and regulations.

- All students must attend a total of 2 days per week for the first semester as highlighted in the ministry's blended learning plan.
- Students who do not attend in their designated days will be marked absent from school.
- With accordance to the school policy, absences will only be excused with a medical note.
- Students who come to school on the wrong designated days will not be allowed to enter the school campus.

### **Classes**

A few extra precautions will be taken inside classrooms to ensure the students' safety:

- Students are now able to view and access their 2020/2021 class schedules on RenWeb.
- Students will be allowed to leave the classroom to pray during prayer break. Each student must bring their own prayer rug to be allowed to pray in school.
- Starting September 6<sup>th</sup> 2020, school hours will resume as normal from 6:55 am to 2:15 pm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

