

**DIGITAL LEARNING INFORMATION FOR COUNTRYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Please refer to this page as information is added – (last update is 3/28/20)**

**Phone message from Fred Whitaker – 3/25/20**

All students must log in to TEAMS and access their classes by tomorrow afternoon so teachers can verify the students reporting for class. Attendance and instruction will begin Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> via TEAMS, so all students must ensure they have checked in with their teachers via TEAMS. Please, parents and students if you could help spread the word (following CDC guidelines of course 😊) to other students it would be a HUGE help. Our teachers are eagerly awaiting to here from their students online.

Teams should be accessed through the downloaded program on a computer or through the downloaded app on tablets and smartphones. The reason being that the downloaded and app versions contain all the tools. The online version in Clever does not, so please make sure you have the downloaded TEAMS APP.

If you have a school device from Countryside, Teams has already been downloaded for you. You will open Teams by clicking the Teams icon on the computer's desktop or by clicking the Teams app icon on the iPad.

If you are using your personal computer, you can download the Teams program by logging into Office 365 and clicking on the Install Office button on the right-hand side of the screen. If you get a drop-down menu click on the choice that says Office 365 app. Then follow the onscreen instructions to complete the download, this can be done on multiple devices.

If you are using a personal tablet or smartphone, you can download the app from the app store

## Phone message from Mr. Whitaker – Friday, March 27

Hello Cougar Family, this is Mr. Whitaker, Assistant Principal at Countryside HS. We have a lot of students who have still not accessed their TEAMS class sites. This is another very important reminder that all students should have logged in to TEAMS through the APP by now to check in to all their classes by responding to their teachers brief attendance assignment to verify they have accessed their class. Students if you have not logged in to all your classes via TEAMS app, please do so ASAP as instruction begins online on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> as well as attendance. I have posted instructions and links for help on the Countryside Facebook page. Please know due to the large amount students attempting to download the TEAMS app, it could take a bit of time in downloading, if all else fails login to TEAMS through Clever to check in to your classes and then download the TEAMS app later.

If your student is still in need of a computer for online learning, Please, email Ms. Overall at [overall@pcsb.org](mailto:overall@pcsb.org) or call her at 727-725-7956 ext. 2016 between the hours of 9:30 and 3:30 as soon as possible. Remember that devices are reserved for families “in need” who have no other means for their students to access the internet. For technical difficulties with Teams, please call or email Ms. Overall or call our tech help line at 727-588-6060.

On a lighter note, anyone interested in playing chess online contact Mr. Mills at [millschr@pcsb.org](mailto:millschr@pcsb.org)

At this time, we are still planning for Summer Bridge learning opportunities. Summer Bridge offers engaging activities and individualized instruction to ensure that students begin next school year with confidence and success. Summer Bridge is designed to counteract the “summer slide.” Many children lose an average of two months of skills over the summer. Could your child benefit from extra learning over the summer? Most Summer Bridge programs will take place 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 8 to July 16. Summer Bridge registration began March 24 at [reservation.pcsb.org](http://reservation.pcsb.org)

Please, know that refunds will be processed for field trips and other activities that have been cancelled thus far. Our book keeper will be working on that diligently when we return to school. We ask that parents be patient with this process. Those that paid for Grad Bash will receive a credit, since it was paid with a credit card.

At this time, we do not have an alternative date for the prom, if and when we are able to resume having large gatherings we will determine if a new date can be arranged. If the event cannot be rescheduled, you will receive a refund.

With patience and care we will all get through this together. Our teachers are working diligently to provide our students with the best online educational experience. I'd like to thank our teachers for their hard work in creating their online curriculum, thank you to the teachers and staff who worked to distribute over 200+ electronic devices, and our simply fantastic Plant Operations staff for their work in cleaning and disinfecting the entire campus. Thank you for your support and understanding during this time as we all learn to adapt to our new way of work. Remember, online classes begin Monday, and attendance will be taken starting Monday. Have a wonderful night, stay safe and GO COUGARS!

### **Clever – Please do not use**

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### **Communication**

Pinellas County School District would like to continue connecting with you via email. If you prefer to be removed from our list, please contact Pinellas County School District directly. To stop receiving all email messages distributed through our School Messenger service, follow this link and confirm: [Unsubscribe](#)

School Messenger is a notification service used by the nation's leading school systems to connect with parents, students and staff through voice, SMS text, email, and social media.

### **Microsoft Teams**

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## **ENRICHMENT**

Students please follow the link for Enrichment week and to get set up on your class Teams sites for online instruction beginning next week. Log in to clever then go to teams and follow your teacher’s instructions to check in to the class, please share with your friends. Your teachers are all waiting for you to check in online and attendance will start Monday <https://www.pcsb.org/Enrichment>

## **Office 365**

Here is a link to office 365 and logging in to teams for the first time which may help as all students must log in and check in with their teachers.

<https://support.office.com/en-us/article/distance-learning-with-office-365-guidance-for-parents-and-guardians-89d514f9-bf5e-4374-a731-a75d38ddd588?ui=en-US&rs=en-US&ad=US>

## **Webinars help families transition to digital learning**

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The Exceptional Student Education department has shared webinars to support students with special needs.

The Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) is partnering with The Multiagency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET) to provide webinars to support virtual learning. The workshops will help families set up their children's home learning environment and address special needs.

The Setting Up Your Home Learning Environment webinar will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 30.

The Addressing Special Needs in the Virtual Environment webinar will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2.

Details and registration links are available at [www.fdlrs.org](http://www.fdlrs.org).

### Additional Resources

- **Facebook** is a great resource for up-to-date information. The **Facebook** Icon can be found on our Homepage.  
<https://www.facebook.com/mycountrysidehigh/>
- More information can be found on the PCS website at [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org)