

Good afternoon Jacobson Tech High families,

This is Mr. Wolfenden, Assistant Principal at Richard O. Jacobson Technical High School. An email with the transcript of this message will be sent in conjunction with this call and the transcript will also be posted on the Tech High website.

First, I'd like to applaud the efforts of our staff, students, and families for successfully navigating the switchover to digital learning. The communication and attention to the needs of every individual have been outstanding and we will continue to do everything we can to ensure that meaningful educational experiences are taking place every day.

Parents, Monday, April 6th was the scheduled date for report card distribution, but we will not be mailing report cards home. We'd like to ask everyone to please look in Focus to review your child's report card for the 3rd grading period. We are proud to announce that 46% of our Tech High students earned Honor Roll or Principal's List for the 3rd quarter. WOW! Amazing job Titans. Let's aim even higher for the 4th quarter and finish strong for the 2019/2020 school year.

If you need to obtain your parent login credentials for Focus, please contact Ms. Howard on the school's main phone line and she can assist you.

I am asking every Tech High family to make an active effort to check attendance and grades on Focus daily. This is a great way to monitor your child's progress and be able to communicate any questions or concerns in a timely manner. As we have encountered intermittent issues with Microsoft Teams, most teachers have posted assignments in Focus as well as Teams in order to ensure that everyone has access to the work.

I'd like to ask families to also check the Tech High website regularly for updates that may be important. Ms. Howard has posted attendance procedure guidelines for your reference and there is a lot of great information there.

Last week, teachers were able to post assignments and recorded lessons in Microsoft Teams and students had a chance to get familiar with the new platform. This week, teachers have been authorized to start doing live lessons so it is more important than ever for students to attend their classes every day.

Every teacher has open office hours from 11:00 – 11:30 am and from 2:30 – 3:30 pm Monday – Thursday. Each Friday (with the exception of this Friday, 4/10) every teacher has open office hours from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. Any student who is struggling with an assignment or needs individual support should reach out to their teacher(s) during open office hours to get the help they need to be successful.

This Friday is a non-school day. Students will not be expected to check in for attendance and teachers will not be working. Students will be expected to check in with each of their classes for attendance purposes on Friday 4/17 and every subsequent Friday.

Please call the school or email me if you have any questions.

Thank you very much for your time this afternoon. I am amazed at how our school community has responded to this initiative. Please continue to communicate with us and let us know how we can help your child succeed. Also, please monitor your child's attendance and progress closely to ensure that they are not falling behind in their classes. Working together, we will get through this difficult time. We are resilient, we are Titans, we are... Tech High!