

## **Orientations and Other Important Information**

Hello everyone and welcome back to the new school year! This year brings a host of changes and we are looking forward to working with our families to have a great school year, despite having to start online. Venture Academy has committed to a “slow start”. This means we’ll have a chance to distribute chromebooks and other materials to families, hold online orientations, and train parents and students in our online platforms. Students will be required to attend and participate in daily online classes and complete assignments regularly. Teachers have been hard at work to learn new technology and create schedules and activities to keep students engaged and excited about learning until we can be back on campus together. Below are some mandatory dates for our families:

### **Wednesday, August 5th from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm: First Day of School and Chromebook Checkout**

Regardless of devices you have at home, students will be required to checkout a chromebook to ensure they have software and programs necessary for learning. Teachers will also distribute books and other materials. During pickup, everyone is required to wear a mask and observe social distancing. A table will be set up outside and teachers will help each family one at a time. Pickup will take place at the main building at Durham Ferry.

### **Thursday, August 6th: Online Orientations**

Orientations are scheduled at three different times throughout the day at 8:30, 11:30, and 2:30. We are limiting participation at each online meeting to 30 logins, so be sure to sign up early. We are asking all families to sign up by Monday, August 3rd. The Orientation will be a chance for you to hear about the changes at Durham Ferry this year, meet the staff, understand the expectations, and ask questions. Below is a link to sign up. Once the signup is complete, the Zoom link will be sent to the participants.

We're using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming Orientations.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <https://signup.com/go/OhGZtxr>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

### **Supply Lists**

Each teacher has a supply list. Attached is the document with the lists. Just go to your teacher's page for your list: Please make every effort to get your school supplies prior to the start of school so you can organize a learning space at home and be prepared to start classes. If you need assistance with supplies, please let us know as soon as possible.