

August 17, 2020

Hello Landsharks!

Tomorrow is the first day of school! Even though this school year is beginning in a different learning environment, I believe those “*day before school starts*” emotions/jitters are just as evident in students, parents and faculty whether face to face or virtual. Some of us are overwhelmed with excitement and eagerness to get started, while others will likely experience a degree of fear and or anxiety over what’s to come as we start school virtually and move to come back face to face. I hope you know you are not alone in feeling any or all of the above listed emotions or feelings. I do realize that as confident as I am that the school has provided guidance, instructions and how-to’s for all possible scenarios, there are still going to be questions and challenges which we did not know were coming. I continue to thank you for your patience and grace.

On that note, please help me welcome the 150 new students/families who are joining our Shark Tank for the first time! It is evident from what I have heard and seen about this class, that they possess what in my opinion all Landsharks possess: a high level of appreciation, respect, work ethic and empathy for the school they have chosen to attend or have chosen to work at.

As you all know, last Friday was our *Back to Da’Tank Day*, we had almost 90% of students pick up their Chromebooks, took their yearbook picture, picked up their security badge, parking stickers, etc...and most of all, were able to come in to school and see each other and faculty.

*College students*, Trident Technical College, has not been able to get our D2L accounts populated in time for beginning of school tomorrow. Your professors are aware and will of course provide other means of communicating assignments and assessments until that issue is resolved. Please note that this issue has been completely beyond our control...if it were, trust me it would be ready to go.

Be assured that Oceanside’s expectations and respect for our school curriculum integrity will not waiver this year to include the next 15 school days. Our culture has been built on respect, trust and accountability. Our faculty has been working relentlessly preparing curriculum maps, pacing guides and lesson plans which will be carried out in a virtual environment until September 8<sup>th</sup> for most of us. This is not going to be easy and may at times be challenging and, in some cases, even difficult. Faculty will provide instruction and support and in return students will be required to do their part...**they must do their homework, classwork, prepare for assessments, be ready for class and on time, respect the learning environment and do all the things they must do to be ready for school each day.**

Landsharks, tomorrow is our first day of school.... everything counts! **Every point counts** and **will contribute or hurt** your high school grade point average. Remember

your course specific faculty are your first line of defense/communication with just about anything regarding Oceanside. If they do not have the answer, they can point you in the correct direction.

As always, thank you for your support, empathy, and grace!

Welcome to 2020-2021 Landsharks!!

B. Corley

Principal

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**Reminders:**

- Students should have looked at their schedules in PowerSchool and have their Chromebooks and email accounts set up (questions or issues with technology or passwords go to <https://www.oceansidecollegiateacademy.org/student-life>)
- You should have received a welcome email from all your face to face instructors by 5:00 p.m. today. Keep in mind, courses with a HOME for room location are not face to face. Those courses will become available to you as of tomorrow through Edmentum, along with who to contact with questions or for extra help.
- Attendance – Attendance will be taken daily for face to face courses. For courses taught virtually (HOME) proctors will look at activity logs provided by Edmentum.