 WHAT WILL OUR YEAR LOOK LIKE IN 9th-10th GRADE?

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No doubt, as a parent, you probably have a thousand questions about this school year’s model. What I’d like to do is try to highlight a few of the most important changes to our classroom.

1. Will my student be “stuck” in his or her desk all day?
	1. Yes and no. ☺ Although class subjects and food breaks will have to happen separately at their own desks, students might not perform best in that kind of 8-hour format. We have scheduled breaks each hour to get up and move around, and we plan to use the great outdoors as much as possible. While we won’t be doing as much group activities, we will still plan active projects!
2. Should my child expect to have outside time?
	1. YES! *PLEASE* have your child to be prepared for outside *every day*. As summer turns to fall, please make sure your child brings a hoodie or jacket and outdoor shoes to ensure we get a lot of fresh air and movement as weather permits.
3. Can my child bring something to play with at their desk during down time?
	1. Yes! We encourage the students to bring fun/interesting things to play with/manipulate before school, between classes, and after school to stimulate learning or just have fun. It would be like a “busy bag.” Fun things might include:
		1. Clay molding or stress ball
		2. Books
		3. Arts/crafts
		4. Travel games (to play independently)
		5. Cell phones will be permitted (we have a place for them in the classroom)
	2. I have a limited supply of games as well; but in trying to make sure things are clean and separate, it would be preferred that students also have their own resources to use when in their seats.
4. Will my child have access to lunch necessities/water fountain?
	1. Yes and no.
* *Microwave and napkins will be provided*. BUT with 24 students, we will have a limited amount of time available. *Please be sure that items take no more than 2 minutes (no 3 min. mac and cheese). We will have a sign-up sheet for the microwave.*
* **Students will need to bring their own utensils and condiments for the time being**.
* Since no refrigeration will not be available for students’ lunches, please include a freeze pack when necessary.
* Water fountains will only have the water bottle feature accessible. ***You must bring a water bottle!!***

Mr. Isaacs has a great pamphlet printed out for parents regarding this year that is far more comprehensive and thorough. I hope this has helped answer at least a few of your possible questions. Please know that I want to do everything I can for your child to have a fun and successful year at school, during this unprecedented time. And PLEASE feel free to set up a time to come observe our class or have lunch with your child. We welcome your presence.

Feel free to email me at rebekah.hanks@woodcrestbaptistacademy.org or call my extension (307) as needed!

Thanks so much!

Miss Hanks