

# COVENANT HOUSE ACADEMY PARENT NEWS

## PARENTS STILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

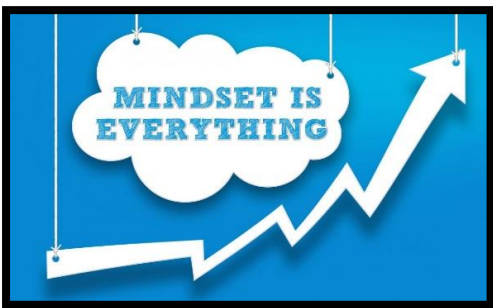


Our Mission: Unconditional Love + Absolute Respect + Quality Education = SUCCESS!

### Boost success by promoting a growth mindset

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Dr. Carol Dweck, a Stanford University professor who specializes in developmental psychology once wrote that students know they can develop their skills and talents through effort and persistence. Students gain the confidence they need to improve through hard work and trying to learn new methods. This concept is known as a *growth mindset*. For parents, during this time of distance learning, promoting a growth mindset is a great way to boost your child's confidence and success in school. We encourage you to acknowledge the importance of planning and trying new approaches instead of primarily focusing on praising intelligence and effort. Tell your child that it's ok if they do not understand something right away. When students can create study plans it allows them to create more success in the future. Developing this problem-solving skill will give them the tools they need to not only succeed in school, but also in life. Parents, you make the difference!



"Set a goal. Plan. Work hard. Succeed. Stay humble." -Unknown



## The power of parent teacher connection

MR. ADAMS DEC. 2020

According to research, distance learning has proven to be a challenge for educators, parents, and students. However, we can succeed with the right tools. Because students are not in the building, they are not able to get support and guidance from teachers when they need it most. For this reason alone, it is imperative that educators stay connected to students and families. Your child's teacher will be a significant person in their life this year. In fact, staying connected will be the key to student success. Another determining factor for student success is the parent teacher relationship. Countless studies demonstrate that students with parent activity involved in their education at home and school are more likely to be successful in their academic (Henderson & Mapp, 2007) efforts. Parents, it is important for us to partner and build a strong bond. That way, we can work together, share information, and resolve any problems that may come up.

The more we know about our students and families, the more we can support their learning. Let your child know that their success this year depends on their attitude or mindset towards school. How they feel and the way they think about school will affect their confidence, work ethic, and overall attitude about their education. Also, please stay engaged, check our webpage and Facebook for information about our school. Check with teachers and support staff to monitor student progress and hours logged for attendance. To learn about more ways to stay connected, please call the Student Services office at (616) 426-3584, text Mr. Adams, Student Services Specialist, at (616) 334-4534, or email [studentservices@chayvs.org](mailto:studentservices@chayvs.org) For more information you can also visit our web page at <https://www.covenanthouseacademy.org/grand-rapids-campus> *Note: Ctrl + Click to access links*

Grace and Peace,  
CHAGR Student Services Department

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## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

### Edmentum Family Portal

*What is the family portal?*

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The family/parent portal is your first stop to access up-to-date academic information and application to support you in monitoring your student’s progress. The purpose of the Parent Portal is to improve communication between you, your student, and their teachers in order to enhance academic partnership and shared accountability.

What are the benefits of the Family Portal?

- Keeping track of your student’s assignments, attendance, and goals
- Enhance communication with your student and their teacher
- Access resources, including information about free food for students in GR, and other important information
- Stay informed about your students’ academic celebrations and challenges
- View Parent Portal in multiple languages

For information on how to create a Family Portal Account please call the CHA Student Services office at (616) 426-3584, or text Mr. Adams Student Services Specialist at (616) 334-4534, or email [studentservices@chayvs.org](mailto:studentservices@chayvs.org)

## DID YOU KNOW?

*CHA Parents, your voices are important to us*

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The term “parental involvement” means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring –

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning;
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school;
- That parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child; and
- The carrying out of other activities, such as those described by the Michigan Department of Education on Michigan.gov family engagement
- For more information, you can visit the following website: <https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5233---,00.html>

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Covenant House Academy values its parents and families and wants them to become involved in our Title I school by doing the Following: attending school meetings, getting involved in family event planning, supporting school-based surveys, and reviewing pertinent Title I plans (school improvement and parental involvement policies).





## On-going Parent-Teacher Conferences

Dear Covenant House Academy families,

We want to meet with the parents/guardians and/or adult support of CHAGR students. Our goal is to better understand our students' needs, skills, and personalities to help them reach success. Parent-teacher connection truly helps the teacher-student connection. Parents still make the difference! Additionally, our goal is to give parents important information about the whole student, gather information from parents, and create solutions together. We're looking forward to partnering with you to encourage and guide our students to success. Parents, you can request a virtual conference Mon-Fri from 12pm to 7pm with CHAGR teaching staff. To request a parent-teacher meeting, please email [StudentServices@chayvs.org](mailto:StudentServices@chayvs.org) or call 616-364-2000 extension #2 (Student Services).

### VIRTUAL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

There are three ways to participate in conferences:

**Conference by email:** Most CHAGR teachers have already started contacting parents about student progress in their classes. If you need a teacher's email address you can find them on the Academy webpage or call (616) 364-2000.

**Conference by phone:** If you would like a phone conference, please email the Student Services department [StudentServices@chayvs.org](mailto:StudentServices@chayvs.org) with your phone number to make arrangements for the best time to meet. If you do not have email, please call the Academy office (616-364-2000 ex #2) between 8am – 3pm on school days and we'll send the teacher a message to call you.

**Conference on Zoom:** If you would like to book a real-time meeting with a teacher on Zoom, please email the Student Services department at [StudentServices@chayvs.org](mailto:StudentServices@chayvs.org) to book a meeting with the teacher(s) of your choice. When using Zoom, you'll need to book the meeting at least 24 hours in advance. It may also help to download the Zoom app to your phone or computer. <https://zoom.us/download>

*Please include the following in your email.*

1. Parent/guardian name: First, Last
2. Student name: First, Last
3. Phone #:
4. Date/Time: Please request the date and time that works best for you.