



Good afternoon! I hope you are having a great weekend. First of all, I want to thank you for the fantastic Open House turnout. It was so nice to meet students and parents in person. I feel as though I know many of you so well, but Thursday was the first time we have had an interaction that wasn't through email, phone, or Google Meet. It was a nice event, and I am thankful to have each of you in our school.

Monday is the first day of school, and my team and I are excited to welcome you to our classrooms. We have had several families join our program this week. So, if you are new, please take a few moments to review our [2022 9-12 Virtual School Overview](#). The overview is our guiding document that outlines program structures and procedures. In addition, for information on meals for Virtual School students, [CLICK HERE](#).

Monday's process for joining classrooms and meeting teachers and classmates is simple. Just follow the steps outlined in the infographic below:

It's the first day of school and our school relies on the use of technology, so we anticipate some minimal bumps Monday and Tuesday. Should you have any technology problems, please contact our tech team at <https://onlinehelp.bentonvillek12.org>. We are working to make this a smooth start for our students and families, and our teachers are so excited to see their students. It's going to be a great week and a great year. Take care, and enjoy this last weekend of summer, Virtual School!

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