



Dear Middle School Parents,

In order to maintain continuity in our school's educational program, we are working diligently to design a remote learning plan that can provide both structure and flexibility. For middle schoolers, we believe that students have the capabilities to manage much of their learning independently through daily assignments but will also be able to utilize some new digital tools including the Zoom platform to allow them to have live classroom sessions with their teachers.

Accessing Assignments

To facilitate learning in Grades 5-8, teachers will post weekly assignments that provide links to teacher and/or instructional videos and other specific supportive resources while also referring students to their various textbooks and workbooks.

Parents can find the weekly assignment chart on the **FACTS (Renweb) Family Portal** under the individual classroom's Homeroom tab. Students will need access to a chromebook, laptop or desktop for their live classroom sessions and to access the various links in the weekly assignment chart.

Please note: assignments posted today are for Week 1 starting tomorrow, Wednesday through this Friday. On Friday, March 20, teachers will post the assignments for Week 2: Mar. 23-27.

Assignment Submission

Advisors will be sending separate emails to provide specific instruction to your student on how all their teachers will be collecting their assignments.

Live Classroom Sessions

The school will be using Zoom (zoom.com) to facilitate live classroom sessions for Grades 5-8. These sessions will follow a special schedule. For grades 5-7, students will be divided into two groups, Yellow and Blue, to allow for a more personalized learning experience. The students' advisors will be sending an email to inform you as to the color group assigned to your student.

Schedule

Tomorrow, Wednesday, the students will have **staggered** 30-minute live classroom sessions with their advisors. On Thursday and Friday, all grades will have a 30-minute session with their advisors from 9 – 9:30 am. For the sessions this week, both color groups will meet together with the advisor.

Starting next week, students will have two additional instructional periods along with the 30-minute advisory session EVERY DAY.

Please see the **ATTACHED schedule** for this week and for next week.

In the attached schedules, you will see a link to **join the class** under each session. Your student needs to click on that link to join the Zoom session with their teachers. If they have not used Zoom before, they will get prompted to download and run the app, and they will then be able to connect to the live session. We recommend you install the Zoom app ahead of time to avoid any last-minute issues.

We appreciate the opportunity to work together to support all our students through this challenging period and to ensure that they will continue their educational journey with as much ease as possible.

If you have any questions about the above information, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

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