



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

What a crazy time but another reason to celebrate why we are part of the Country Day community. My team has been preparing for the virtual learning plan for weeks and it will be a showcase of the incredible teaching and learning tools which we use in our regular day versus what is happening at other schools who are trying to quickly create platforms and new programs. Our program will have some synchronous learning (live) as well as asynchronous learning. To be clear, I'm sure there will be some bumps in the roads but there will be lots of communication with the parents and students. Don't hesitate to reach out as we move through the virtual learning week—March 30 -April 3.

Today, I met with the student body and described the framework of the virtual learning school day. After the MS assembly, the students met with their grade level teaching teams and discussed how classes would meet each day. Here is a brief summary of the schedule and plans.

### MS Virtual Classroom Daily Schedule:

- I'll be sending a daily e-mail with announcements every morning before 8:15--using Microsoft Forms as a way to engage and to take attendance. The students will be asked to complete the Daily Microsoft Form by 8:30 a.m. In addition, I'll be giving some sort of physical activity that they can do during the day along with something to do outside which will be provided by Khaki Scheer and Steve Conner. Wellness and Mindfulness will be an important piece while we are out of our normal routine.
- I'll be including a CCDS MS Virtual Learning Pledge (see attachment) in the March 30<sup>th</sup> e-mail to students. Each student will be asked to sign the pledge.
- All homework will be posted on the MyHomework App—and any new posting must be posted before 8:30 every day.
- All students were encouraged to take home their sketchbooks—and use art as a mindfulness activity during the week.
- Advisors will be setting up an Advisor TEAMS. This will be used a place to check in and/or do a daily reflection. Some advisor groups were already using this platform.
- Julia Joyce and Alexis Nordrum will be communicating with students who they have been working with to make sure they feel good about their learning.
- Academic Classes which will meet:

5th/6th Grade: English, Math, Science, Social Studies    6<sup>th</sup> Grade GRIT will be in the Science curriculum with Mr. Schnieber

7th/8th Grade: English, Algebra, Science, History/Culture Studies, World Language

- 8th Grade Musical will be getting information from Lois Rust and her Team during Bell 3.

Each bell would have the option of a "live"/synchronous class every day, based on the following MS schedule.

Bell 1: 8:30-9:00

Bell 2: 9:15-9:45

Bell 3: 10:00-10:30

Bell 4: 10:45-11:15

Bell 5: 11:30-12:00

Lunch 12:00-1:00

Bell 6: 1:00-1:30

Bell 7: 1:45-2:15

## Student Expectations

- Dedicate appropriate time to learning as guided by your teachers.
- Check appropriate online platforms for information on courses, assignments, resources daily.
- Attend the regular synchronous engagements offered by each of their teachers, with the following protocols:
  - Identify a table or desk environment at which to set up your laptop (No beds or couches)
  - Be sure that there are no distractions in the immediate vicinity. (Remove pets from the room, close the door, put cell phones away, etc.)
  - Be appropriately attired--minimum standard of relaxed dress.
- Engage in all learning with academic honesty.
- Submit all assignments in accordance with provided timelines and/or due dates.
- Ensure own social and emotional balance by keeping healthy habits.

## Parent Expectations

- Support their child/ren in their learning by:
- Provide an environment conducive to learning (access to technology, safe and quiet space during daytime).
- Engage in conversations with your child/children about assignments, assessments, and expectations.
- Expect your child's attendance to the regular synchronous engagements offered by each of your child's teachers.
- Support emotional balance by providing ample room and time for reflection, physical activity, and conversation.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. I hope you will reflect on CCDX week and [check out this link!](#)

Have a SAFE and HEALTHY Spring Break! Go Country Day!

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