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Dear Middle School Parents and Guardians,

I hope you and your family are remaining healthy and enjoying the onset of cooler fall weather. It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the first quarter of school and have begun implementing Phase 2 of the Re-opening Plan. This letter is to clarify how those changes are affecting different grade levels and student populations in the middle school.

Students in Grade 5 and 6 will be returning to a full five-day week of instruction for both the fully remote and in school groups of learners. Daily "live" remote instruction of the general education curriculum will be provided at set hours of the day by Ms. Troutman (5th grade) and Ms. Campbell (6th grade). For those with special education services, an additional support period of remote instruction for Resource Room or CTD students is to be provided by Mr. Jacob Stein (5th & 6th grades) during designated periods of the day.

For students in Grade 7 & 8, beginning Wednesday, October 21, **all** students will receive remote instruction according to their class schedule. Please be aware that current district directives for instruction allow for teachers to use various avenues to deliver remote instruction (i.e. Zoom, Google Meet, or livestream). It is also acceptable for teachers to record, edit, and post lessons. Since this will be a period by period day for students, attendance will be taken by their homeroom teacher between 8:00am – 8:06am as if they would be in school to start the day. This will be accomplished by teachers posting an attendance assignment on their Google Class Page or through Google Meets, by being physically present with cameras on.

We all recognize that there have been many challenges with remote and hybrid learning since school opened in September. As with any form of learning, student engagement and how much effort they put forth plays a key role to their success. Parents play a key role in assisting students organize their day and by creating a "home school" environment. Students should be taking advantage of all the learning opportunities provided by their teachers whether it be live or through pre-recorded videos. Parents are encouraged to communicate with their child(ren) the importance of completing assignments in a timely manner. Teachers, guidance counselors and administration are here to assist with their endeavors and make sure students are moving forward in completing their middle school, grade level requirements.

Thank you for taking the time to review this letter and hopefully it clarifies any misunderstandings to the next week's Phase 2 changes.

Sincerely,


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