



August 14, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope summer has been enjoyable, and you have been able to find fun activities despite our current limitations. I am grateful for living in a State with so much outdoor recreation.

I am writing to share our reopening plan for the fall of 2020. There are several documents included in this mailing:

Reopening Plan

School Calendar

Weekly Schedule

Transportation Hubs

MDOE Pre-screening Tool

MeANS will open in the “yellow” zone under a hybrid model. The factors considered in making this decision are included in the attached plan.

Curriculum

In general, students will be attending two days of in-person classes and two days of remote, synchronous classes per week. The classes will follow our regular weekly schedule. For returning families, please note that Advisory begins at 7:50am and Tuesday through Thursday dismissal has been changed to 2:15pm. Friday dismissal remains at 12:30pm. The rotation is as follows:

Tuesday: 9/10 in person, 11/12 synchronous remote

Wednesday: 9/10 in person, 11/12 synchronous remote

Thursday: 9/10 synchronous remote, 11/12 in person

Friday: 9/10 synchronous remote, 11/12 in person

This schedule will alternate each quarter.

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It is also important to note that the school will not be offering a “paper packet” option on the remote learning days. Students are expected to attend their synchronous classes and follow the daily schedule. The school will consider any students who do not log in to be absent.

Nutrition Services

Students will be served meals while on campus and be offered meals to take home on remote learning days. Meals will be delivered to the school and organized by advisor groups. There will be more details to follow on how to order meals and elect to have them sent home.

Transportation

Attached are the bus hubs and times. Please contact Paula Taylor, Transportation Coordinator (238-4100 or ptaylor@meansacademy.org) to sign up for transportation. We are encouraging all families to drive their students if possible, to assist with physical distancing on busses.

Communication

All official school communication regarding changes or updates will occur through these three channels: us mail, email, and via our website. Additional communication will take place via advisors. We will no longer be using Facebook to communicate important school updates.

We are looking forward to seeing all our students again in person. Though it is not quite “back to normal” we’re headed in the right direction!

Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Newberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "N".

Matt Newberg

Head of School

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