



# WOODBURY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## **Woodbury Middle School**

### **Plan for Distant Learning**

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Good Afternoon WMS Community,

By now, I'm sure you have had your fill of announcements and briefings on school closures and the Corona Virus (Covid-19). Hopefully, this letter clarifies what is ahead for the students at Woodbury Middle School and our plan for Distant Learning (DL). As stated in the superintendent's video on Wednesday, Region 14 was granted a waiver that allows us to continue the school year through a DL plan. Our goal in this message is to provide what DL looks like and how it meets the needs of all students. The DL team has worked to create a flexible plan that allows students to continue their learning in these unprecedented times.

The third trimester will begin with our DL starting Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Students will need to check-in using their device and follow the modified schedule (see below).

I would like to remind you that the school lunch "Grab and Go" program is available to all students PreK-12 from 12-1 at Bethlehem Elementary School and Mitchell Elementary School.

As always, if you have any questions regarding DL or anything else, please feel free to contact us. We know there are many unanswered questions that we may have not addressed or considered. Together, we will do our best to educate the students of Woodbury Middle School. Lastly, thank you for all the support you have been sharing through your emails and kind comments. The staff truly appreciates it!

Below is an outline of what Distant Learning looks like at WMS.

Sincerely,  
Bill Nemec, Suzi Greene

## Distant Learning at Woodbury Middle School

### Goals:

- To continue student learning in a digital environment.
- To continue and maintain supports, and processes for staff and students while focusing on academic and social-emotional growth for all

### Learning Platform:

Woodbury Middle School students are familiar with Google Classroom and have been using it throughout the school year. Teachers actively post lessons and provide instruction and feedback to assignments. Extending this use, teachers will incorporate new digital platforms to supplement instruction when students are unable to attend school. Students will continue to use Google to ask questions, watch videos and practice skills, all under the direction of the classroom teacher. Students with specific learning plans will also have access to their support staff through Google Classroom.



### Woodbury Middle School Teachers will:

- Follow the schedule below for instruction.
  - *Students are encouraged to follow this schedule as well as it is the best time to access teachers. Also, maintaining a schedule has been proven to be beneficial to students during these stressful times.*
  - *Students unable to follow the scheduled class times must complete assignments posted in Google Classroom by 11:59 p.m. the day of the posting in order to be counted as in attendance.*
- Monitor student attendance and record in PowerSchool
  - *If a student is ill or cannot participate in classroom assignments on a given day, parents will need to contact the main office as usual*
- Be available each day from 1 pm-2 pm for “office hours”. *(Please feel free to email teachers as they will be checking regularly.)*

- Grade student work and provide feedback in Google classroom. Grades will be posted in PowerSchool

What to expect regarding Instruction:

Woodbury Middle School will use both types of learning described below:

<p><b>Synchronous</b> </p> <p><b>Students learn at the same time.</b></p> <p>Communication happens in real time.</p> <p>Possibly more engaging and effective.</p> <p>Allows for instant feedback and clarification.</p> <p><b>Examples</b> Video conferencing, live chat, live streamed videos.</p>	<p><b>Asynchronous</b> </p> <p><b>Students learn at different times.</b></p> <p>Communication is not live.</p> <p>Possibly more convenient and flexible.</p> <p>Allows students to work at their own pace.</p> <p><b>Examples</b> Email, screencasts, Flipgrid videos, blog posts/comments.</p>
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Student communication with teachers:

Students are encouraged to advocate for their learning by asking questions and staying on top of their assignments. Using Google classroom, students may communicate directly and privately with their teachers. Teachers are also available from 1pm-2pm daily.

Student and Teacher Support:

- Administrators: Will be problem-solving and supporting all staff, students, and families.
- School Counselors: Will be available to help ensure students are accessing their learning and provide support to students. Please reach out to them if you have concerns or need support that counselors normally address. They will continue to meet with parents and students for previously scheduled meetings; these meetings will occur by phone.
- School Psychologists, Social Workers, Speech and Language Pathologists: These staff members will also be supporting students, conducting counseling

sessions, and addressing any areas of concern. They will use phones and other e-communication methods.

- Library Media Specialists and Tech Support Personnel: Provide continuous support for students and teachers in the use of technology and online resources for teaching and learning. Respond to emerging technological needs. Maintain an active web presence that is updated regularly to support teachers and students

### **WMS DL Schedule (always Day 1)**

	TIME	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
A	9:00-9:25	CORE 1	CORE 1	UA 1
B	9:25-9:50	CORE 2	UA 1	CORE 1
C	9:50-10:15	CORE 3	UA 2	CORE 2
D	10:15-10:40	UA 1	CORE 2	CORE 3
E	10:40-11:05	UA 2	CORE 3	CORE 4
F	11:05-11:30	CORE 4	CORE 4	CORE 5
G	11:30-11:55	INDEPENDENT READING	INDEPENDENT READING	UA 2