

Meadowbrook Distance Learning
Frequently Asked Questions
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Please note: this is an ever-changing document and we will be updating it as we get more information.

Dates/Logistics

Should I still report my child “absent” if they are sick?

Yes, please continue to use School Pass to inform us if your child is sick and will not be participating in distance learning.

Will the school year be extended?

As of April 1st, we have not yet made a decision.

Will there be a graduation?

Yes! We do not yet know if it will be in person, or created to happen remotely, but we will celebrate our amazing class of 2020.

How are holidays being treated?

We have two upcoming school holidays: Good Friday (April 10) and Patriots Day (April 20). We will keep those as “no school” days, and no distance learning activities will take place then.

Academics

Will all subjects continue to be taught?

Yes, all students will continue to be taught all academic subjects. Arts and athletics will continue to be taught with modifications.

What is happening with grades?

This is an ongoing discussion. Currently, in 4-8th grade, we continue to give letter grades and students will still have assessments that are modified for distance learning. No grades will go down during this time.

Are assignments and class participation required?

Yes, just like when we are in the physical school building, assignments and participation are required for our students. If your child is having trouble participating in distance learning or completing assignments, please reach out to your classroom teachers (lower school) or advisor (middle school). We want to support your family as best as we can during this time!

Will homework be given?

With distance learning we're moving away from the distinction of classwork and homework as two separate things. There may be work that needs to be completed to finish what was started in class, but there will be no separate homework for the students to do. In some ways, all of the work is at home, and thus home work.

Will the lower school one-on-one weekly check-in with teachers be at the same time/day each week?

Yes, the weekly check-ins that you set up with your classroom teachers will be at the same time and on the same day each week.

What are the expectations for PE and athletics?

For lower school students, our PE teachers will be posting suggested activities to complete during the week. We encourage all students to engage in these activities to help keep their bodies strong while learning from home. For middle school, our PE teachers are posting suggested workouts for your kids in Schoology; we highly recommend that your kids follow along!

What are the expectations for arts classes?

For lower school students, specialists are posting asynchronous classes for them to enjoy according to the schedules for each grade. Look for drawing lessons from Ms. Kurman and even sing-along videos with Ms. R! For middle school students, please refer to the schedules on the parent portal; students will have arts classes four times per week, three asynchronous and one synchronous.

Community

What will happen to parent teacher conferences?

We have made the decision to cancel Parent Teacher Conferences previously scheduled for April 15 and 16. Those days will now be regular distance learning days. Teachers will check-in with parents as needed using email or Zoom meetings.

How will my family and I stay in touch with our Meadowbrook community?

In true Meadowbrook fashion, our community has risen to the challenge that social distancing creates. All grade levels are organizing Zoom social gatherings for parents to connect, and Head of School arvind grover is offering regular "coffee hours" via Zoom as well. Be sure to check the Parent Portal for messages from your Room Parents for the dates and times of your class gatherings. Please participate in as many of these gatherings as you are able! We have also established a Facebook group for Meadowbrook families to share pictures and connect via social media.

What will happen to assemblies and the middle school musical?

Most of these events will be reimagined and recreated for a virtual platform. For grades with upcoming assemblies, look for information from your teachers in the weeks to come. The middle school musical was canceled, and it has been replaced with podcasts that will show off our talented middle school actors.

Look for information on these virtual events in the weekly Meadowbrook Messages and on the Parent Portal.

Will the Parents Gala be rescheduled?

Right now, we have tentatively rescheduled the Parents Gala for May 16. It will most likely take place in a virtual setting. Our gala serves two primary functions: to bring our community together and to raise vital funds for financial assistance. Our Gala Committee and Development Committee are working hard to think about creative ways to accomplish both of these goals.

Technology

Whom do I contact with tech needs?

We encourage you to use the [self-help available](#) on the Parent Portal. Our tech team has written a comprehensive step-by-step guide in anticipation of commonly asked questions. If you cannot find what you need there, you can email the Help Desk at help@meadowbrook-ma.org. Please be patient; our team is working hard to answer many requests for assistance!

What tech tools are needed for my child to participate in Distance Learning?

Visit the [Distance Learning Parent Support site](#) for more info. This is always available as a link on the Parent Portal.