



The Taft School

April 7, 2020

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to engage with students again this past week and we appreciate all of the feedback we have received from faculty, students, and parents. From the start of remote learning, we recognized the value of scheduled community events and the connection they generated for students and faculty, alike. This structure will now extend to the academic portion of the remote learning program.

Beginning next week, the week of April 13, we will follow the [block schedule](#). This schedule aims to:

- Guarantee dedicated time for academic blocks, which your student must attend unless there are circumstances (timezone, health, or home demands) that prohibit their participation;
- Provide scheduled times for community events such as assemblies, morning meetings, and faculty meetings, as well as opportunities for alternate office hours;
- Schedule times that ensure accessibility and inclusion for the entire community;
- Reduce the school week to a five (5) day week, Monday through Friday, this includes deadlines for assignments.

Students will receive information from their individual teachers about required meetings for their courses and any necessary adjustments to the deadlines for assignments starting April 13, 2020.

Additionally, there have been following updates to the school calendar.

April 15 - Academic Habits - feedback will be communicated via advisors

April 27 - Free Monday

April 30 - Academic Habits - feedback will be communicated via advisors

May 13 - Academic Habits - feedback will be communicated via advisors

May 22 - Last day of Academic Work

May 26-27 - End of Year Program for Classes of 2021, 2022, and 2023

May 27 - Student School Year Ends

Kind regards,

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Schedule for Academic Engagement & Community Events, Spring 2020
All times below are listed in Eastern Time (ET)

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
A 8:00-8:40 AM	B 8:00-8:40 AM	E 8:00-8:40 AM	F 8:00-8:40 AM	G 8:00-8:40 AM
Assembly 8:50-9:30 AM	C 8:50-9:30 AM	Department Heads 8:50-9:30 AM	D 8:50-9:30 AM	School Meeting 8:50-9:30 AM
<i>Flexible Time</i>				
F 1:00-1:40 PM	D 1:00-1:40 PM	A 1:00-1:40 PM	C 1:00-1:40 PM	E 1:00-1:40 PM
Department Meetings 1:50-2:30 PM	G 1:50-2:30 PM	Alt Community Meeting 1:50-2:30 PM	B 1:50-2:30 PM	Dean's Meeting 1:50-2:30 PM
<i>Time for community events; office hours; advisees; affinity groups; and, faculty planning and preparation.</i>				

For all updates, please visit the [Taft Remote Learning Website](#).

The most up to date information can be found at www.taftschool.org/calendar