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## A NOTE FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE

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Dear Middle School Parents,

Approximately 44 8th graders will be on campus and my understanding is that grades 6 and 7 will be allowed to return to school on May 11. Because we now have students both on campus and in the online program, some changes to our routine are necessary. The first two documents below will be particularly important for students who are not on campus yet, and you should have them for reference. These will be sent to the students with explanations before Monday.

**Class Schedule** – Click the link to see the 8th Grade class schedule and bell schedule. Your child will have the opportunity to attend classes virtually in those classes for which the teacher is physically present in school. Those classes are Art, Foreign Language (Ms. Chen, Ms. Lei, Ms. Zhang, Mr. Little), PE, Band and Choir. If your child cannot attend the class virtually, the instructional parts of the lessons will be recorded and posted on Teams. We will create a schedule like this for grades 6 and 7 prior to May 11 when many of them return to campus.

[8th Grade Schedule - For Students](#)

**Day Rotation Calendar** - We can't have our two groups of kids (online and in-school) working on different schedules, so everyone will have to return to the published day rotation beginning on Monday. I have created day rotation calendars for each class group. These documents will be very important for students in terms of keeping their work organized. We will follow the same process as we have been during the online period, meaning teachers will only post or make things due on the day/s in the rotation where their class is listed. These will be sent to kids today as well. I know this is a little more confusing than what we've been doing but there was really no way around it.

[Day Rotation Calendars](#)

**Online Learning Program** – Your child will be working on the same assignments and activities as the students here on campus and will have the added advantage of recorded sections of lessons from the teachers who are present at school. Teachers not present in Guangzhou may also enter their classes virtually for a period of time to give instructions and mini-lessons. These will also be recorded and posted on Teams sites. We are working on an

effective way for students who are not in class to attend virtually but this may not be ready for another week or so.

**Online Help Sessions** – Because we will have students on campus, we have had to reschedule our online help sessions to occur after school hours in Guangzhou. Please remind your child to check the online help sessions schedule for changes. I will send the link to them again on Monday.

**Teachers on Campus** – The following MS teachers are present on campus and will be teaching live classes. All others will continue to work with students in the online environment. Mr. Taylor (Band), Mr. Bott (Choir), Ms. Lei (Chinese), Ms. Zhu (Chinese), Ms. Zhang (Chinese), Ms. Chen (Chinese), Mr. Boyd (Art), Mr. Little (Spanish), Mr. Brooks (PE), Mr. Tomassen (PE).

Enjoy the weekend and thank you for all your support as we get school off the ground again!

Regards,

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