

ON CAMPUS

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- Students will remain in their Homeroom throughout the school day where all teachers will be the ones to travel to the classrooms.
- Only about 25 – 30 students will travel for ONE block (one transition with a smaller number of students is more effective in mitigating risk than having 220 students travel for a transition).
- The Dining Hall and Cartee Gym will be set-up to accommodate spacing students 6 ft apart from each other.
- Conditions permitting, we will take advantage of our beautiful campus for “brain breaks” and at times, instruction.

Safety & Health

- We will follow the 3 W’s – Wear your face covering! Wash your hands! Watch your distance!
- All students and faculty will wear face coverings that cover nose and mouth at all times. If your child has not worn a face covering for any length of time this summer, there are a couple of things you can do to begin building this habit before school starts:
 - Have them wear face coverings for increasingly longer periods of time at home.
 - As Middle Schoolers typically do, face coverings will become a part of fashion. 😊 Therefore, students will not be required to wear a uniform- specific covering. However, students will need to adhere to dress code (i.e. no inappropriate images, no words, no political wear, no questionable language)
 - Failure to have face covered in an appropriate manner will result in disciplinary action.
 - If you have any questions about medical exceptions, please contact Nancy Anne Teems, Director of Health Services, nteems@maclay.org
 - Hand washing will continue to be encouraged in Middle School. Students will need to wash their hands before and after eating and upon entering the classroom. Hand sanitizer dispensers are being installed near building entrances and in the hallways.

Arrival & Dismissal

- Arrival- Students who arrive before 8:10 will report to Webster (parents do not get out of cars and use car line for drop off)
- Dismissal- students will be dismissed at the Middle School car line as parents arrive (parents do not get out of cars and use car line for pick up)
- MS Center- more details to come

We have also worked on providing a Concurrent Virtual Classroom opportunity for students who prefer this option due to safety and/or for those who may need to quarantine. The primary goals of the Middle School Concurrent Virtual program are to keep students connected to their teachers and their classmates and to provide access to the instruction and learning that occurs on campus. The Maclay Technology Department will and have equipped all Middle School Classrooms with the capability of offering a Concurrent Virtual program. To get a sense of what this experience will be like, take a look at [this short video](#).

CONCURRENT VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

Two Week Commitment

Students can opt-in and out of virtual learning with a two-week commitment in order to provide structure and routine for effective teaching and learning. Students who are quarantined because of a COVID exposure can opt to participate in the virtual program while they are in quarantine and return to campus after the quarantine period. For all other circumstances, we are asking all Middle School families to commit to virtual learning for at least two weeks at a time. There is significant additional – ongoing - planning and preparation that will go into the Concurrent Virtual Program in Middle School; asking for at least a two week commitment will help us streamline the planning and preparation in several ways, allowing us to provide the best experience as possible for all middle school students.

Schoology

For those of you not familiar with Schoology, it is Maclay's Learning Management System. Students and families in 4th – 12th grades currently use Schoology. For families that opt for the Concurrent Virtual program, Schoology will be the hub where resources and assignments are shared, where completed student work and tests can be uploaded, where written materials will be shared, etc.

Daily Schedule

Virtual learners will have access to and follow the same schedule as on-campus learners. Middle School homeroom teachers will share their class schedule with all families prior to the start of school. There will be a few times during the day, when virtual learners will take a break from their screens, including breaks, lunch, and PE. Students will use Teams and/or Zoom platforms.

Materials and Supplies

Virtual learners will need access to a desktop or laptop computer, a headset with a microphone, a printer (preferably), and a distraction-free workspace. Teachers will prepare virtual learning materials a student will need for the duration of a two-week period.

It has been quite an adventurous summer in working closely with faculty and developing a plan that allows for a meaningful teaching and learning experience. As circumstances continue to evolve, we will remain flexible and responsive. Our first day of school

as of now remains Wednesday, August 12th, where we will follow a special schedule (school day remains from 8:15 – 3:00 pm). Students will report to their Homeroom/Advisor at 8:15 a.m. sharp to go over procedures. Following homeroom, students will attend all A and B classes.

Finally, a few reminders.

- The Middle School Store will NOT be selling Physical Education uniforms. Please adhere to the PE uniform link. Orders are taken until July 31st.
<https://maclaypeuniforms.itemorder.com/sale>
- Rising seventh graders **must** return Immunization Certifications to our office by the first day of school.
- Summer reading and Khan Academy should be completed by Wednesday, August 12th--our first day of school!
- The New Student Orientation will be held on Monday, August 10th from 10:30am-11:30am. This is for students new to Maclay only. More details will be sent directly to these students in the coming weeks.

Please take your time in reading and processing all this information as it is a lot to take in at once. Middle School quick links are located under the Parent tab at the top of the www.maclay.org website.