

Hi families,

Happy Monday! This week will be a short week due to Fall Break, so let's try to make the most of it! **Classes will only be in session today and tomorrow.** Classes will not be in session from Wednesday, Oct. 14 through Friday, Oct. 16.

Updates for students in grades 6th through 12th:

- Beginning on Oct. 19, there will be some changes to attendance requirements. Your student's attendance is based on time spent within the Edmentum program, live Zoom meetings, and/or being "on pace." Each day, students need to spend at least 30 minutes in each of the classes assigned to them in Edmentum in order to achieve perfect attendance. Attending live zoom classes **does** count towards hours for attendance. This averages out to about 900 minutes per week for students who engage in learning five days per week and have six classes. Please note: some students will have fewer hours in Edmentum because they are taking synchronous classes with their home school.
- Advisory teachers sent out invitations for parents to participate in Edmentum's [Sensei for Families](#) portal, which allows parents/guardians to check student grades and progress. If you did not receive an invitation, please contact Dana Trowhill at trowhda@tulsaschools.org.
- With Fall Break coming up later this week, I want to remind you that teachers will also be on Fall Break from Oct. 14 – 16. No classes will be held and your teachers will be unavailable for help during this time. Students are able to use this time to catch up and work to get on pace within their coursework if they would prefer, but this is **not** mandatory.
- Speaking of Fall Break – here are some great opportunities to get outside and have fun this weekend:
 - Spend some time outdoors at the [Gathering Place](#): park staff is following rigorous sanitization standards and encouraging guests to wear masks when inside the buildings.
 - Check out the hiking trails and watch for wildlife at the [Redbud Valley Nature Preserve](#): the numerous trails will offer ample physical distancing while you explore nature, and park staff is observing safety guidelines inside of the visitor's center.

I hope that you have a wonderful week and a safe long weekend!

Best,

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