

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we continue to work towards face-to-face learning there are many details to be aware of. Our goal will be to communicate as effectively as possible, while recognizing the need for flexibility. To that end, please expect more information coming out via email and being posted to our website <https://ms.nv.k12.wa.us/our-school/about>. We are targeting November 3<sup>rd</sup> as our first day on our Half-Day Hybrid Schedule.

### **NV@School vs. NV@Home**

We will be using these two terms to differentiate between those students wishing to attend school in the building (@School), and those who will remain in remote learning regardless of phase (@Home).

At this time, please notify us **ONLY** if you wish to remain **@Home**. If we don't hear from you we will plan for them to be @School. If you did not complete the survey, you may respond to this email or call 966-7561 if you plan on @Home learning. Thank you to those that completed the survey.

### **Half-Day Hybrid Schedule**

We have posted the new schedule (to begin Nov. 3). Please note these important details:

- Reminder: all students will be "doing" school five days a week
- Monday's schedule will **remain** remote for all. (Students currently attending for connectivity issues **only** will continue to attend Monday)
- IN PERSON START TIME WILL BE 7:45. We will need to align our transportation schedules with elementary schools moving us back to regular start time.
- REMOTE START TIME WILL REMAIN AT 8:00. This gives us a chance to connect with our students in person before beginning simultaneous learning.
- **Students with last names** A-K will attend T/TH (will continue remote learning W/F)
- **Students with last names** L-Z will attend W/F (will continue remote learning T/TH)
- Any exceptions to this will be contacted by office staff.
- **All students** have schoolwork and small groups expectations each afternoon from during Individual and group time **from 12:30-2:15**.
- Our first week of in person learning may be a little bit different as we will want to teach all Middle School students the routines they will need to follow here at school.

### **Health and Safety Guidelines**

It is important to understand how seriously we all must take the Dept. of Health guidelines. Below are key ideas we have learned from schools already conducting face to face learning:

- Screening at home: If a student is presenting any cold or flu like symptom, parents need to keep them home.
- If students have a fever (100.4 or higher), a cough, sore throat, or been in contact with someone diagnosed with Covid, they must stay home for 10 days or get a Covid test.
- When in school, **ALL students must wear cloth masks (no gaiters) over their nose and mouth at all times.** Any students who do not comply will be sent home.

If ALL OF US take care of these three things, we are confident in our ability to stay open.

### **Instructional Expectations**

As we move to our hybrid schedule, it is important for all of us to manage expectations. Some key points:

- 60% of instruction will remain remote for ALL. If students are struggling, we still need to partner and focus on interventions and supports. Teachers will continue to have afternoon small group periods to provide extra support.
- Students in class will still be using Chromebooks, please plan to bring them **charged** everyday with headphones. Students should bring all school supplies like pencils, dry erase markers, etc. daily.
- Teachers are thinking about how best to support students in their class AND at home at the same time. Please understand this will be challenging and will take time and patience to work through. Ongoing communication and flexibility will be needed.

This continues to be new for all of us. Each phase will be better than the last. We are excited to take this next step towards 'normalcy.' Please reach out with any questions/concerns you have.

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