



November 12, 2020

Dear MCI Students and Parents/Guardians,

As you know, the holiday season is upon us. While it is certain that these holidays will look much different than in years past, it is still a time for families to gather to celebrate in their familiar ways. This year especially, we understand the need for community and family as an antidote to the solitude and uncertainty this year has brought. We also understand that each family will make deeply personal choices regarding how to celebrate the holidays.

We have been blessed to have no positive cases of COVID-19 on MCI campus, largely because of the responsible actions of our students and faculty and staff who are mindful of masking, sanitizing, and social distancing guidelines, as well as our parents who perform daily screenings of their students and exercise caution when deciding to send their students to school. We appreciate your diligence in and dedication to protecting everyone's health and well-being.

In an effort to continue keeping our MCI community safe and healthy following the holidays and to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19 that could happen as a result of families who travel or who receive relatives from other parts of the country, we have decided that the week following Thanksgiving break and the week following Winter break will be fully remote learning for all students.

Since most people experience symptoms within 5-7 days after exposure, moving to remote learning each week will allow a responsible "buffer" between the holiday and the students' return to school to protect against pre-symptomatic or asymptomatic spread at MCI.

For these two remote weeks, students will join their Advisory and academic classes via Google Meet following our regular bell schedule. Please mark the following dates for Remote Learning and our return to Hybrid, In-person learning:

- Thanksgiving break:
 - Students will start **Remote Learning on Monday, November 30**, as a Day 2.
 - Wednesday, December 2, will be a regular independent learning & office hour remote schedule
 - Students will **return to Hybrid, In-person classes on December 7** as a Day 1.
- Winter break:
 - Students will start **Remote Learning on Monday, January 4**, as a Day 1.
 - Wednesday, January 6, will be a regular independent learning & office hour remote schedule
 - Students will return to **Hybrid, In-person classes on January 11** as a Day 2.

SCTC students will not be attending in-person classes at SCTC for these two weeks. Students can expect to receive further information from their instructor regarding their remote classes.

As always, stay safe and healthy. We wish you all a joyful and relaxing Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

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