

January 10, 2021

Happy last day of break, everyone!

I hope that you all had a restful break and that you are ready to begin our three weeks of virtual school tomorrow. [Here is the academic schedule for Monday, 1/11 – Wednesday, 1/27](#); you can find this information and more on the [Stay Well 2021 page of our website](#), and your OnCampus page shows the correct rotation and times for your class meetings.

Our January Virtual School period will be very similar to the December Virtual School period, minus all the time we spent preparing for/taking end of semester assessments. You should expect that your classes during the January Virtual School period will meet synchronously for at least 45 minutes of the class period each day. Please see below for other FAQs and tips to help make the next few weeks a success, and please let me know if anything is unclear or if you still have questions.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

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January Virtual School FAQs and Tips

Q. If we are in daytime study hall, what do we do during that period in virtual school?

A. You have a free period during your study hall period—so, go get some fresh air, exercise, or study, but no need to check into study hall!

Q. Will topics pages and assignments be set up like they were last semester?

A. Yes! Assignments and Topics pages will be available by 7:30 pm EST on Sundays during the virtual school period.

Q. Do I need to attend each class synchronously?

A. Yes, you need to attend each class synchronously-- **attendance will be taken at the beginning of every class period**, and you will be marked absent if you don't attend. If you are in a time zone with a 10+ hour time difference, you are not required to attend the 2nd and 3rd period classes each day, but you are encouraged to do so, as it will be nice to be "in" class with all of your classmates.

Q. How will I know how to join each class synchronously?

A. Your teacher will post instructions on their topics page. **If you don't see instructions, contact your teacher via Teams or email as soon as possible to ask for help!**

Q. Will juniors start the College Counseling Seminar during the virtual school period?

A. Yes, during the second week. Juniors should be on the lookout for more information from the College Counseling Office soon.

Q. Will I be able to set up times to get extra help from my teachers?

A. Yes! Your teachers will share with you the times that they will be available for extra help each week, and you will be able to sign-up to meet with them then... they may also tell you that they need you to sign up for extra help sessions. If you don't see times available that fit your schedule, just email or send a Teams message to your teacher, and they will find a time that works for both of you.

Please also check out the [Tips for Virtual Classrooms](#) doc as well as following the following advice for staying organized and on top of your work during Virtual School:

- Look over and make sure you understand all that is expected of you in each class at the start of the week. Reach out to your teachers if anything is unclear.
- Maintain a daily routine, even after your morning of classes has finished
- Keep your workspace tidy... and that work space should not be on your bed
- Make sure you have healthy meals and get exercise... ideally outside
- Use the extra help sign-up opportunities to get one-on-one support from your teachers
- Find ways to stay connected with your classmates and friends