

New York Mills Jr./Sr. High School Parent Update - September 18, 2020

Good Afternoon! We are reaching the end of two full weeks of Hybrid/Remote Instruction and although it has gone fairly smooth, there are some snags that we need to work out to optimize instruction, that are enclosed in this update. Please be sure to share this and discuss the details with your children to support school concerns. Also, please note that at the 7-12 grade level only, the cut-off for going fully remote for instruction is Wednesday, September 30th. Students in grades 7-12 may return to In-person instruction at any time but, for consistency will not be allowed to go back and forth.

-Reminders about Remote Days-

- It is essential that students check their school email in the morning and Login to Google Classrooms or Buzz to complete assignments at the same time as their in-person schedule for attendance purposes and to qualify for full credit on the assignment.
- If the teacher's schedules allow they may be able to conduct "Live" virtual classes. These, as well as, any scheduled Google Meets on Wednesday, are not optional. Students must login & attend to receive full credit.
- Conversely, if students do not have a scheduled Wednesday Google Meet and need assistance they can set one up with their teacher. This time may also be used for parent conferences. Please reach out to set these up as needed.
- School hours are still M-F from 7:45-2:10 regardless of whether students are here or at home. Some students are still submitting assignments and/or attempting to contact teachers late at night and on weekends in some cases. Please encourage your children to be respectful of their teachers off-duty hours.

-Teacher Announcements-

-From the PE Dept-On In-person PE days students should come to school dressed in comfortable clothing (no jeans), sneakers (not the best pair as grass may be wet), and a fleece or sweatshirt for cool days. They will be going outside as much as possible.

-From Miss Foote-As of today at 4:00 pm, BUZZ usernames will change to the student's email address.

-From Mrs. Kessler- Parents may receive a "Google Classroom Guardian Invitation," via email. Please accept it if you do. This feature allows parents to "Opt-In," to receive summary emails of individual student assignment and grades. This will be useful for getting the most up-to-date information.

-From Ms. Gaetano- All CSE/505 meetings will continue to be scheduled virtually.

-Other News-

-Starting Monday, September 21st, athletes involved in Cross Country or Field Hockey must report to the HS Cafeteria at dismissal for Athletic Study Hall if their practice or Game does not start right at dismissal. If their practice or Game does not start until after 3:15 students must go home at dismissal and return at the time of their practice/game.

-The first Multicultural and Model United Nations (MUN) meeting will be meeting on Wednesday, September 23rd through Google Meet. Students in grade 7-12 are welcome to participate.

-At this time, virtual Student Council meetings will be held on Wednesday at 11:30 am. Any interested students who want to join should email Ms. Viel to join our Google Classroom page. Executive Officer elections will begin next week, followed by class officer positions at a later date. Voting will be done via Google Forms/classroom. Remote students can join and run for office as well.

-Fall Community Clean-Up will be on Saturday, October 24th, weather permitting. Students are asked to wear a mask and bring their own rake this year. We will socially distance outside to help clean up senior citizens' yards in our community. Clean up typically begins around 10:00 am, and finishes in the early afternoon. Community service hours are granted for this opportunity.

-Coming Soon-

-Grade 7-12 teachers are working on a Virtual Open House to offer a chance for parents to meet their child's teachers and find out important course information. This will be shared via website and social media in early October—Stay Tuned!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns contact the individual teacher as applicable or myself via email!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Facci