



Dear Middle School Parents,

I hope you and your family are healthy and well. I am writing to share an update to our distance learning schedule as we move forward with some additional virtual classes.

It was nice to see some of you during our “materials pick-up day” this past Wednesday. The passing conversations or waves were a welcome change of pace. I have also continued to pop into homeroom meetings and have enjoyed the interaction with your children. While the teachers have been continuing to provide the students with helpful guidance on organizing and navigating their work, they have also taken the advisory time as an opportunity to share highs and lows, introduce the group to furry friends in their homes, talk about some ideas for outreach to others in the community beyond Key School, and even play Pictionary.

As you know, your children were involved in classes this week with their Humanities, Math, Science and French / Spanish / Workshop teachers. Through grade level team meetings and department meetings this week, I have been in regular communication with teachers to debrief about those classes, with a focus on any necessary adjustments to make their class time most productive. While the morning classes will continue on the same days, beginning next week, we will add afternoon time for Art, Music, Theater (for eighth grade) and PE teachers to schedule a 30-minute class with each of their class sections. These additional classes will involve students three afternoons per week for fifth, sixth and seventh grade, and four afternoons per week for eighth grade. We will also continue to have Advisors host homeroom meetings with their students, but we have decided to schedule those once per week on Friday mornings. Please [click here](#) to see the full schedule of designated windows for morning and afternoon classes.

Working around these scheduled class meetings, teachers are continuing to schedule individual and small group meetings with students in their classes, either to clarify an assignment, teach them a particular skill, or continue to help them with organizing their work. Teachers are frequently initiating these meetings, but I would encourage your children to reach out to their teachers to schedule meetings as needed beyond their full classes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of help to you or your children in any way over the weeks ahead.

Take care,

Dave Magnus