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Principal Update from Mr. Mastropietro

September 22nd, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians/Teachers/Students,

First and foremost, I would like to start by saying that I have been utterly impressed by all that is taking place within our virtual classrooms so far this year. Our teachers are working extremely hard to engage students in meaningful and productive lessons and our students are doing an excellent job adjusting to all that is expected of them within the virtual learning environment. To this end, we will be making **TWO** necessary adjustments to our virtual instruction at this time:

- 1) **Effective Monday, September 28th, 2020**, ALL students will be required to keep their camera on and be visible during any and all instructional components of the ***Google Meet*** sessions. This change will enhance and improve the flow of instruction that is being delivered to students inside of the *Google Meet*. Once the teacher completes the instructional portion of the lesson, the students will be permitted to turn off their camera. If you foresee an issue with your child being on camera, please reach out to me directly.
- 2) Secondly, and also **effective Monday, September 28th**, we will utilize a different Bell Schedule than the one that is currently being used. We have listened to the feedback from students and parents in regard to the structure of the virtual school day, and we have decided to infuse additional breaks and more time for the students to eat lunch throughout the school day. Please see the new Bell Schedule on the next page.

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- **Starting on Monday (9/28), the Bell Schedule will be as follows:**

Period 1	7:55-8:35
Period 2	8:38-9:18
<i>Break</i>	9:18-9:28
Period 3	9:28-10:08
Period 4a/4b	10:11-10:51
<i>Break</i>	10:51-11:01
Period 5	11:01-11:41
<i>Lunch</i>	11:44-12:23
Period 6	12:26-1:06
Period 7	1:09-1:49
<i>Break</i>	1:49-1:59
Period 8	1:59-2:39

- We will be updating the **“Guidelines for Student Participation in Google Meet Sessions”** document to reflect the requirement of cameras being turned on during all instructional portions of the class period (*see email attachment*).

Thank you, in advance, for your support and collaboration as we continue to navigate this journey together. Our goal is to do our absolute best to make teaching and learning as effective and efficient as possible during these challenging time.

Respectfully,

Joseph Mastropietro

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