



May 2, 2020

Dear Middle School Families,

As we enter our sixth week of online learning, I have several details to share with you:

NO SCHOOL on May 11

As mentioned in a communication from Head of School Melissa Soderberg last month, we have been planning to schedule a day when students (and, in turn, many of you in this world of online learning) would not have to worry about having any classes or completing any schoolwork. That day has been set for Monday, May 11. We hope this day off from school will provide faculty and students a chance to enjoy the spring and catch up on personal time, sleep and anything that does not involve looking at a screen.

Advisor Conferences May 8

Parent conferences with advisors will take place on Friday, May 8. There are no class sessions on that day in order to accommodate these meetings for parents and students. These conferences are for celebrating the strides your children have made throughout the year, and to discuss their opportunities for academic and social growth moving forward. You should have already received scheduling information directly from advisors.

Parent Transition Nights

Parents of rising sixth- and seventh-graders will receive separate emails this weekend with information to review prior to the scheduled Zoom meetings with grade-level leaders. Scheduled times for groups of parents will be included in that email.

Rising 6th Grade Meeting – Wednesday, May 6, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Rising 7th Grade Meeting – Thursday, May 7, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The Rising 8th Grade Meeting will take place later in May.

Closing Ceremony and Other Activities

We are finalizing the program for our eighth grade students to celebrate their transition from the Middle to Upper School. The ceremony will be online, and we will send out specific details to eighth grade families early next week. This special event is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, the last day of school for all students.

The annual Awards Assembly, Talent Show and Jack White Event will take place during the last week of school.

Student Item Pickup and Return

For those students who have items remaining in their school lockers, details for pickup will be determined and sent out later this month.

Please contact me with any questions. I hope your family is able to enjoy a little bit of the sunshine this weekend!

Warm Regards,

Shaka Arnold
Head of Middle School