

Middle School Online Learning Addendum
March 26, 2020

Greetings Middle School Parents,

The building leaders at SOMS collaborated to share this addendum with you to offer you additional guidance for your child(ren) as we continue to teach and learn from the safety of our homes. Beginning Wednesday, April 1st, teachers will be resuming their classroom lessons, picking up where they left off on the last day of actual school. April 1st is a B day, so they will follow that schedule. Thank you for your continued support as we navigate online learning together.

Regards,

Lynn Irby

The Half Day Schedule Below- The schedule is a **suggested** allocation of time for students to review Google Classroom each day. They will have until later in the day/over the course of a few days to complete assignments/activities that are posted by teachers. To be clear, the times listed below are a suggestion of pacing for students.

SOMS Online Learning Half Day Schedule

TIMES	6th Grade A/B	7th Grade A/B	8th Grade A/B
8:20-8:54	Per 1- CORE (Math, ELA, Sci, SS)	Per 1- CORE (Math, ELA, Sci, SS)	Per 1- PE/RA/Music
8:57-9:30*	Per 2*- CORE	Per 2*- PE/RA/Sp/Music	Per 2*- CORE (ELA, Math, <i>Spanish</i> , SS, Sci)
9:33-10:06	Per 3- CORE	Per 3- CORE	Per 3- PE/RA/Music
10:09-10:42	Per 4- PE/RA/Sp/Music	Per 5- CORE	Per 5- CORE
10:45-11:18	Per 6- CORE	Per 6- PE/RA/Sp/Music	Per 6- CORE
11:21-11:54	Per 7- PE/RA/Sp/Music	Per 7- CORE	Per 7- CORE
11:57-12:30	Rotation	Rotation	Per 8- CORE

*Although the suggested end time for period 2 is 9:30am, students will have until 9:55am to sign into their period 2 class (on Google Form for Attendance).

- **Instructional Time-** Please plan for your middle school child to have up to 30 minutes of engagement for class. The engagement will vary and can be in the form of writing assignments, a physical activity, a reading, viewing a video, looking at a slideshow, responding to a critical thinking question, etc.
- **Posting on Google Classroom:** All assignments will be posted on a daily basis in google classroom by the start of the day. Some assignments may span over the course of 2-4 days, but will be visible for students each day on their teacher's page.

- **Self Paced Learning**-Students do not have to submit anything at the end of each 30 minute half day period. Students will have until 11:59pm each school day to complete daily tasks. Longer assignments will be due at 11:59pm the evening of the due date (i.e. if there's a longer reading/research project).
- **Conferring with Students/Office Hours**-Teachers have 90 minutes of office hours per day and a schedule of these office hours will be posted on their google classroom page. Students can meet with teachers to clarify the instruction and receive support. Teachers will offer more clarification on how the office hours will work for their individual classes. Some examples are emailing, Google meet, direct message on google classroom, etc.
- **Managing Stress**- Counselors and social workers are available to offer remote support for our students' social and emotional needs.

Google classroom Codes - Support:

Support	Google Classroom Code/Contact Email
Grade 6 Guidance Dept	kfeljhd
Grade 7 Guidance Dept	bkeqnox
Grade 8 Guidance Dept	uik2ikc
I-Step (Dr. Zarabi)	mzarabi@somsd.k12.nj.us
Social Worker (A. Steiner)	asteiner@somsd.k12.nj.us
School Nurse	kturpin@somsd.k12.nj.us