

*OUR MISSION: TO DEVELOP SELF-DIRECTED, LIFELONG LEARNERS OF GOOD CHARACTER.*

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Dear Dragon Families:

Welcome to the final quarter of the 20-21 school year! A special thank you to our students and families for their continued support and feedback as we navigated numerous changes. Our teachers and students are to be commended for their commitment to making our 4 day hybrid/synchronous model as successful as possible. As we move into the 4th quarter of the school year we want to share important updates for our middle school families.

**Wednesdays:** Students and parents can expect the following instructional options on Wednesdays:

- Continuation of asynchronous lessons and school work in Google Classroom or Canvas
- Teacher schedule lessons for small groups of students
- Open Office Hours for questions and support
- Student work sessions (projects, make up work, academic support, music lessons etc.)

Wednesdays will continue to be a great opportunity for students to connect with their teachers. Teachers will notify students of scheduled extra support sessions via their online platforms (Google Classroom or Canvas). If a student is scheduled to attend a Wednesday work session, they are expected to attend. All students and families can find teacher contact information on our website. We are asking families to continue to support our teachers' efforts to engage students actively in academics on Wednesdays.

**End-of-the-Year Grading:** As messaged throughout the school year, all students will receive their numeric grades earned this school year. However, there are no traditional "final exams" in middle school, with the exception of Accelerated Math in grade 7. The final average will be calculated using the quarterly averages for each class.

**End-of-Year Activities:** We are currently reviewing guidance for end-of-year activities. We will convene a committee of school personnel and family representatives to plan these activities.

**Summer Learning Opportunities:** We are planning for an in-person summer skill-building program which will be located at Hoover Middle School. More information will be available in May.

**June Calendar:** Juneteenth will be observed on Friday, June 18, so there is no school that day.  
Last day for 5th graders: Tuesday, June 22  
Last day for 6th and 7th graders: Thursday, June 24  
Middle school will not have any half days this year; all days through June are full instructional days.