

Cougar Family,

I hope that this e-mail finds you all healthy, happy, and safe. I want to thank you for all of the support you have given our staff members as we have kicked off the 2020-21 school year with the majority of our Cougars learning online. We have had some bumps along the way, but we have been able to work through them and have had a positive start to the school year overall.

Over the past few weeks, we have started to shift our focus to transitioning some students back to Face-to-Face Learning. As parents, you were asked to select which learning model you wanted for your child to begin in Term 2. About 31% of our MCMS students will be retuning for Face-to-Face instruction while about 69% will continue with Online Learning.

As you can imagine, making a shift to dual learning models mid school year has been quite a logistical task to get organized. Fortunately, we have a strong team of administrators and counselors who are working around the clock to be ready for next week. There will be some changes coming soon for all students (both F2F and Online Learning models), and I wanted to be able to share some of these changes with you in advance.

Schedule

We will essentially have two “bell” schedules for students to follow based on which learning model you selected- Online Learning Bell Schedule and Face-to-Face Bell Schedule. The schedules do not match up, so it is important for parents and students to know which schedule to follow. All students will start following their new schedule on Monday, October 5, 2020. The schedule is attached to this e-mail for your review.

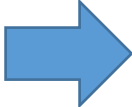
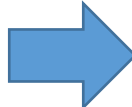

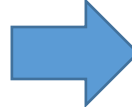
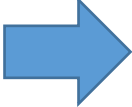
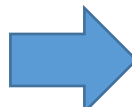
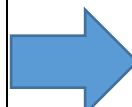
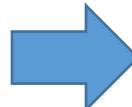
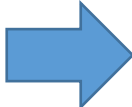
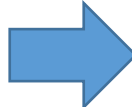
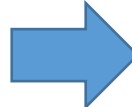
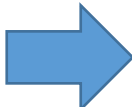
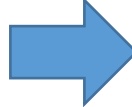
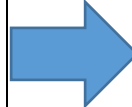
In addition, many students will be experiencing a schedule change on Monday October 5, 2020. Our counselors have made efforts to keep students with some of their same teachers. However, in some cases, this may not be possible due to staff availability and course requests. Please know that we will support your child through the schedule change and we are always available to discuss concerns. All students should log onto Skyward Family Access on Sunday, October 4, 2020 to see the new schedule that they will begin following Monday, October 5, 2020 regardless which learning model they selected. For online learners and students waiting to transition to face to face learning, new calendar invites will be sent on Microsoft Teams to reflect the new schedule.

Please note that for Face to Face learning our school hours are 8:50 AM- 4:05 PM. The doors will open at 8:25 AM and students should be in class no later than 8:50 AM. Our front office will be closed to visitors until 9:10 AM to allow all staff to assist with the morning arrival of our students returning Face to Face. Please call to make an appointment to ensure the availability of staff and to allow us to maintain our health and safety protocols.

Please note that for Online Learning our school hours are 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM. Students should be logged onto their first class by 9:00 AM.

Transition Plan

Please use the chart below to understand the transition plan for the week of **October 5, 2020**:

	10/5/20	10/6/20	10/7/20	10/8/20	10/9/20
6-8 grade Online Learners	Follow new schedule from Skyward. Follow Online Learning Bell Schedule				
6th grade F2F Learners	Report to MCMS. Follow new schedule from Skyward F2F				
7th grade F2F Learners	Follow new schedule from Skyward. Follow Face to Face Bell Schedule. Attend classes on Microsoft Teams.		Report to MCMS. Follow same schedule as Monday and Tuesday, but attend F2F classes.		
8th grade F2F Learners	Follow new schedule from Skyward. Follow Face to Face Bell Schedule. Attend classes on Microsoft Teams.				Report to MCMS. Follow same schedule as Monday-Thursday, but attend F2F classes.

***Students in mixed grade level courses may be asked to participate in Asynchronous Learning on certain days designated by the teacher. ***

What to Expect

In an effort to help prepare our students who are returning next week for Face-to-Face instruction, we have created a video outlining what to expect on campus. This video walks students and parents through many new procedures and policies we have implemented to ensure the safety of everyone on campus. In addition, we have created an MCMS Face to Face Instruction Procedures and Policies” document that will answer many of your questions. (attached to this e-mail)

Technology

As a friendly reminder, it is expected that all students who are returning for Face-to-Face Instruction bring his/her fully charged iPad, charging cord, and earbuds with them to school each day. A cell phone will not be considered as an instructional device. If your child needs an iPad, please contact Reginald.Honors@fortbendis.com or contact the front office at 281-634-3440.

Please know that your child’s safety and academic success are our top priority whether they are learning from home or here on our campus. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teachers, a counselor, or an administrator.

Thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely,

Tasha Hamilton

MCMS Principal