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Good evening parents and students,

While we all continue to hope for a return to normalcy, we also need to be sure we are continuing to engage our students in learning to prepare them for their eventual return to school. The current Ministry directive is to return to school on March 15.

Given the possibility that the closure could last longer, we feel we have to make some changes to our Virtual School (VS) moving forward to better serve our students.

Starting next week VS will follow a schedule that much closer resembles our normal school day. Students will be required to be online from 9:00 am to 1:45 pm Kuwait time, Sunday through Wednesday. They will meet with a maximum of 4 classes each day. Students will only meet with their core classes. Virtual school will be conducted through Google Classroom. Classes may be conducted live over video, via Google Meet or similar application, be recorded lessons for students to watch, or may be a series of videos or activities. There will always be an activity that needs to be completed during the block that will count towards their attendance in addition to any assignments for that block.

Please note that Middle School will start this schedule on Tuesday, March 10, in order for teachers to have adequate time to prepare their lessons and communicate with their students.

Thursdays are high school only and just AP, Honors classes and SLC will meet. Please see the schedule below.

Elective classes will assign projects on a weekly basis. During a period where a student has an elective or PE, they are free to take a break, work independently on their project for that class, or to connect with their elective and PE teachers if they have questions about their weekly project.



It is the expectation for Middle School core classes that all activities can be done in class and there is no homework from their core classes. They should only have the projects from their PE and elective classes as homework, and that should be able to be completed during the times those classes are scheduled.

That is not the case for High School. There could be an expectation of homework beyond class time.

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday (HS Only)	
A, B, C, D		E, F, G, H		A, B, C, D		E, F, G, H		AP/Honors/SLC	
A	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	E	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	A	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	E	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	A	8:00 AM to 8:45 AM
B	10:15 AM to 11:15 AM	F	10:15 AM to 11:15 AM	B	10:15 AM to 11:15 AM	F	10:15 AM to 11:15 AM	B	8:50 AM to 9:35 AM
C	11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	G	11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	C	11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	G	11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	C	9:40 AM to 10:25 AM
D	12:45 PM to 1:45 PM	H	12:45 PM to 1:45 PM	D	12:45 PM to 1:45 PM	H	12:45 PM to 1:45 PM	D	10:30 AM to 11:15 AM
*All times are Kuwait time zone (+3 GMT)								E	11:20 AM to 12:05 PM
								F	12:10 PM to 12:55 PM
								G	1:00 PM to 1:45 PM
								H	1:50 PM to 2:35 PM



All teachers will also be available online from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm for any student who needs some additional support or has any questions. This is not required of students, just an option if they need it.

Teachers will be in touch with all of their students giving them instructions for their first class. Attendance and activities will count towards students' formative grades. We will also be adjusting the grade weighting in high school for Q3 so that summatives count for 70% of a students grade, and formatives count for 30%.

It is possible we will be adjusting the deadline of quarter 3, depending on when schools reopen.

Students who choose not to participate in VS risk falling behind and could be forced to retake classes next year.

We appreciate all of your support. As we learn more, we will certainly share it. As of now, no decisions regarding calendar changes have been made. We will have to see when we are able to safely resume school based on the guidance of the Ministry of Education before any of those decisions can be made.

Have a great weekend and please stay safe.

Regards,

Michael Murphy

Superintendent