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Oaks Middle School- Family Letter- September 9th, 2020

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RE: CHANGE to our Online Learning Schedule:

Hi Oaks families. As we navigate, learn, and become more familiar with <u>Online Learning</u>, we want to maintain a level of flexibility in order to provide our students the best possible educational experience. <u>With that, we are planning to make some minor adjustments to our school's Online Learning Schedule to best support our <u>students and families moving forward.</u> As we have gathered feedback from students, families, and staff, we understand some of the difficulties students have had during this time. Two specific difficulties we have found:</u>

- 1. It is difficult for students to log on to both their morning AND afternoon sessions (6 classes/day).
- 2. The short (28 minute) sessions in the afternoon are not long enough for students to complete and submit work.

To help with these issues we are planning to adjust our Online Learning schedule so that students ONLY have their 3 CORE classes/periods to check into each day. Essentially, the afternoon sessions will be built into their 3 morning CORE classes/periods. Each of the 3 periods they attend each day will be extended from 52 to 80 minutes, so students are able to get instruction from their teacher AND have time to complete work, without having to worry about logging in to 3 additional classes in the afternoon. This DOES NOT mean students have to be online for the full 80 minutes. They WILL start online for each of their 3 periods, and then may have independent/offline work to complete and submit, based on their individual teacher/class. Instructional minutes remain the same at 240 minutes per day.

The NEW Online Learning Schedule is on pages 2&3 of this letter. Some things to Note:

- 1. The Wednesday schedule WILL NOT change.
- 2. Lunch DOES NOT change (Lunch is still 10:50-12:00).
- 3. The time blocks in which students are expected to attend school DOES NOT significantly change. (Students will still be attending online instruction from 8:00am-10:50am AND 12:00pm-1:20pm)
- 4. Student Google Class codes and other class information WILL NOT need to change.
- 5. ZERO Period DOES NOT change.

We truly believe this schedule change will benefit our students and families. Our plan is to begin our new Online Learning Schedule this coming Monday- September 14th, 2020. If you have any questions, concerns or feedback regarding this proposed schedule change, please email me nick.zajicek@omsd.net or use this link: https://bit.ly/3m8w3x9

Mr. Zajicek- Principal- Oaks Middle School

Oaks Middle School Online Learning Schedule 2020-2021

Revised September 9th, 2020
Students will check in with their scheduled teacher during the below timeframes

Monday and Thursday - Odd Periods 0, 1, 3, 5		
Zero Period A-L	7:00 - 7:52	
1 st Period	8:00 – 9:20	
3 rd Period	9:30-10:50	
Student Lunch	10:50 – 12:00 - Families can come to Oaks to pick-up meals	
5 th Period	12:00-1:20	

Tuesday and Friday - Even Periods 0, 2, 4, 6		
Zero Period M-Z	7:00 - 7:52	
2 nd Period	8:00 – 9:20	
4 th Period	9:30-10:50	
Student Lunch	10:50 – 12:00 - Families can come to Oaks to pick-up meals	
6 th Period	12:00-1:20	

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Does NOT change from original schedule

Wednesday Schedule

Online Instruction

Week 1 = Period 1	Week 2 = Period 2	Week 3 = Period 3	Week 4 = Period 4	Week 5 = Period 5	Week 6 = Period 6
August 12	August 19	August 26	September 2	September 9	September 16
Week 7 = Period 1	Week 8 = Period 2	Week 9 = Period 3	Week 10= Period 4	Week 11= Period 5	Week 12= Period 6
September 23	September 30	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28

Wednesday Schedule *Students Check-in with the same class period during both blocks*				
Instruction - Period Depends on Week (See Above)	8:00 - 9:00			
Instruction - Period Depends on Week (See Above)	9:15 - 10:15			
Additional Independent Learning	After 10:15 am, teachers will provide an additional 120 minutes of independent learning on Wednesdays			