



March 13, 2020

Dear OWS families,

As mentioned in the earlier announcement, we would like to give you some basic information on what to expect in the coming weeks. This email will not be extremely detailed as many details still need to be determined in our meetings on Monday.

- Monday will be spent in preparation for teachers.
- Tuesday we will have packets of materials available for pickup at the school.
- Wednesday - remote learning will officially begin.

Remote schooling will look different for early childhood vs grades. It will also be different depending on grade. We will continue to offer daily check-ins for all levels and record attendance. Early childhood will give rhythms and daily ideas for parents to use with children. Grades will have an online main lesson each morning for a short time and some specialty classes throughout the week. These classes will be offered through Google Meet and each class will have a Google Classroom for posting work or announcements as necessary. Teachers are conscious of the variety of age levels and we understand the added challenge this may cause for parents. A lot of thought has gone into the planning and teachers will continue to clarify these plans in the coming week. Google meetings are accessible by phone for those with no computer access who still want to participate.

There will be basic materials available to families for this at-home schooling. Teachers will prepare these packets of materials during our set-up day on Monday and have them available to families for pickup throughout the day on Tuesday, March 17th. We are also sending out a suggested supply list of simple items from your home.

Teachers and staff will be available via phone or computer for support. We do expect there will be some transition pains and we will do our best to communicate and assist. We also understand that not every student has access to high-speed internet and a computer. For teachers to prepare, please fill out this survey if you have a student in grades 1-8:

[Tech survey](#)

Information will be used by teachers to prepare correctly.

The faculty and staff are working hard to make this the best experience possible. As we continue to prepare, please:

- Collect supplies around your house (list in a separate email)
- Fill out the [Tech survey](#)
- Watch for further emails with important details regarding online access, class schedules, etc.
- Plan to pick up materials at the school on Tuesday

Thank you, all! We have heard so many encouraging and supportive words during this tumultuous time and transition.

Sincerely,  
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