



March 12, 2021

Dear EMHS Families:

As shared on Monday, EMHS will be shifting to in-person learning on Monday, April 5. It's been made clear that this is a statewide mandate and no longer just an option for schools. However, this does not mean everything about school is "back to normal." There are still many guidelines to follow and safety procedures to implement. And families still have the option to remain remote.

This message seeks to clarify for families what in-person learning will look like, what continued remote learning will look like, and outline the requirements that must be followed. If, after reading this message, **you want to choose to stay in remote learning, you must fill out this form prior to Tuesday, March 16 at 4:00pm.** <https://forms.gle/S4s9JG6nS1xNtn7C9>.

At the bottom of this message is a link to a required signed contract for all those who wish to be on campus. The contract is a required demonstration of commitment to follow all our COVID-safe practices.

As always, we are thankful for your patience and kindness as schools are continually asked to re-invent themselves throughout this pandemic. There will continue to be more updates. If your question isn't answered here, it may be answered in the next Timberwolf Times!

Learning Mode

The method for receiving and submitting assignments and for curriculum delivery will remain the same as it has throughout remote learning. This is for two main reasons: a) we know that many families will continue to stay remote; and b) classes are more than halfway completed, so we must maintain some consistency with grading, assignments, and expectations.

By maintaining the same learning mode, neither in-person nor remote students will have to shift to an entirely new platform or model.

Schedule

EMHS will revert to the in-person schedule with an 8:15am arrival and 3:35pm dismissal. Wednesdays will continue to be reserved for individual tutoring. One of our greatest lessons from pandemic schooling has been the effectiveness of greater one-on-one support for students. By not holding live classes and only scheduling individual tutoring on Wednesdays, students who need additional support will receive it. Additionally, we will be able to clean and disinfect on Wednesdays better with less people on campus. Teachers will communicate with their students how to sign up for Wednesday tutoring, either in person or online. The new schedule can be downloaded [here](#).

Students who have late arrival or early dismissal are the only ones who are allowed to leave campus. If students have Study Hall or if work is finished early, they are expected to remain on campus. Additionally, we cannot allow students to loiter before or after school. Students will go directly to their 1st period classrooms in the morning and cannot be on our campus past 4:00pm.

In-Person Experience

Students will have the ability to be in a classroom with their teacher and other classmates. They will rotate through all classes, including advocacy and lunch. Students attending in person need to bring their laptop, Chromebook, or other device everyday as that's how all assignments will be submitted. We will have a very limited amount of devices to check-out.

Students will not simply be on computers all day though. Each class will have built-in time for socialization and community-building. Students will have better structure to their day and in-person access to the teacher of their class. We also hope to take advantage of our outdoor space and do some activities outside.

Food/Lunch

Lunch will be scheduled in two shifts to limit larger gatherings at the same time. That schedule and procedure will be released later.

Our snack bar will be closed for the remainder of the year, so students will need to bring their own lunch from home. We are still working with our partners at the County and APS to see if lunches could be provided for students who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch.

Additionally, students will not be able to eat inside any classroom because of the mask requirement. Students who have health concerns related to snacks will be allowed to go to the nurse's office. Students may quickly drop their mask in class for drinking water. All other eating and drinking must take place outside. Gum will not be allowed on campus at all.

Students Staying Remote

Students who remain at home during this process will have an increased expectation of engagement and attendance. Please note the new schedule that remote students will need to follow, as well. Our teachers will need to see and hear from students who are zooming in from home. Those students will also have an increased expectation for showing up to STE (student-teacher engagement time), especially on Wednesdays. Please note, students who choose this option will remain remote for the rest of the school year. We are unable to accommodate students who may want to "try out" in person for a while and then return to remote.

Important Upcoming Dates

Our current hybrid model will come to an end on March 16.

March 22-26 is Spring Break.

We will have a transition week the week after Spring Break.

March 29-April 2

During this week, students will work individually with teachers to get caught up on all assignments. There will be no hybrid or live classes. Teachers will also use this time to prepare for the return to campus. Other dates to note for this week:

Tuesday, March 30: ACT Testing for 11th graders who signed up

Thursday, April 1: 9th grade on campus jump start day, 1:00-4:00pm (details to

follow)

Friday, April 2: Vernal Holiday, No school

Monday, April 5: In-person schedule begins

COVID Safe Practices/Contract

All students and staff on campus are expected to abide by all safety procedures. All students returning to in-person learning must sign and return this contract prior to Tuesday, March 16 at 4:00pm. [Download the contract here.](#)

You may [submit the signed contract here](#) or bring to the front office.

Conclusion

We are excited to see our students back on campus! As mentioned in previous messages, we have made many upgrades to campus, including the top air filtration systems on the market for every room. More updates will be included in the Timberwolf Times on Monday. If you have any other questions, send a message to info@eastmountainhigh.net, and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Take care,
Trey Smith
EMHS Principal
