

WELCOME



Middle School Fall Update 8/14/2020

State Guidelines for Fall

- Current flowchart for reentry can be found here:
<https://www.scribd.com/document/472167800/Following-the-Metrics-Visual>
- Current Guidelines will not allow for a in-person restart when we begin in September
- We are bound by metrics established for Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties
- These guidelines are mandatory, apply to both public and private schools, and Park Academy does not fall under any current exceptions
- Park Academy will operate in 6 week increments to determine our capacity for a transition to in-person education, and if allowed by the state, will make the transition the week of October 19th. If not, we will commit to an additional 6 weeks of distance learning. (Each 6 week unit will be preceeded by 2 professional development days)

Park Academy Distance Learning

- School will begin on September 8th
 - *The first day will consist of an alternative schedule for student orientation and welcoming*
 - *Regular education classes will commence on Wednesday September 9th*
 - *There will be a equipment and supply distribution the week prior, days and times TBD (including Chromebooks, classroom supplies, manipulatives and copied materials*

Distance Learning Continued

- School Supplies: For safety and constancy most school supplies will be purchased by the school for distribution to students. Families will be asked to support the cost of the supplies consistent with typical back-to-school supply costs
- Distance Learning Expectations and guidelines will be included in the Family Handbook which will go out next week and will be a part of student orientation meetings.
 - *Standard expectations include online dress code, attendance, camera orientation, learning space and other general practices*
- Standard grading procedures will be maintained for distance and in-person learning
- Gradelink will be utilized for online learning and our new student management system, Alma, will be used for in person instruction
 - *Instructions for registering with Alma will be sent next week. This is where parents will complete the back-to-school registration paperwork and the family handbook.*

Middle School Distance Learning Format- Key Components

- School Day runs from 9 AM to 2:45 PM
- Core Classes occur on Monday/Wednesday/Friday with independent work and scheduled teacher meetings on Tuesday/Friday
- Reading every day for all students
- Electives and PE on Tuesday/Thursday
- Limited elective options with increased electives when in-person resumes
- Teach workday lasts until 4pm allowing for office hours from 3 PM to 4 PM
- Additional clubs, social opportunities, affinity groups etc. are currently under development

Park Academy Remote Fall 2020
Online Class Schedule Beginning September 8th, 2020
Sample Middle School Schedule

Period	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	9:00-9:15 am	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom
1	9:15-10:00 am	8 th LA Devers	Independent Work & Teacher Support	8 th LA Devers	Independent Work & Teacher Support	8 th LA Devers
2	10:15-11:00 am	MS SS Morrison	Art Fields	MS SS Morrison	Independent Work & Teacher Support	MS SS Morrison
3	11:15-12:00	MS Science Hussain	Independent Work & Teacher Support	MS Science Hussain	Independent Work & Teacher Support	MS Science Hussain
Lunch	12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
4	1:00-1:45 pm	MS OG Jepson	MS OG Jepson	MS OG Jepson	MS OG Jepson	MS OG Jepson
5	2:00-2:45 pm	8 th Math Voelker	PE Kumanchick	8 th Math Voelker	PE Kumanchick	8 th Math Voelker

In-Person Education

- We will return to in-person education as soon as we are able and will be evaluating the possibility every 6 weeks. The first possible return will occur on October 21st. If necessary we will continue to evaluate and commit to a model in these 6 week increments
- Schedules will be much closer to our standard schedules but school will look very different
 - *Significant COVID safety measures will be in place Including*
 - Mandatory face masks
 - Smaller classes sizes
 - 6 feet distancing
 - Entry and exit protocols including temperature checks
 - Additional cleaning protocols
 - *Educational material and information will be provided in advance of any transition to in-person learning
 - We are developing synchronous in-person and distance learning options for those who do not feel safe to return or are excluded due to illness and/or exposure

Limited In-Person Instruction

- Changes to the guidelines made on 8/11/20 will allow for limited in-person instruction
- These allowances can occur in groups of less than 10 students for no more than 2 hours
- This will allow for periodic, targeted opportunities for student support and community building. This is a recent development but may allow for community building, social emotional well-being, targeted instruction and assessment.
- Integration into our program is under development
- Guidelines for safe onsite participation will be given prior to any on site events

Staffing Changes/Additions

- We are excited to introduce our new Third Grade/Reading Teacher Laura Meeuwsen
 - *17years of 3rd grade experience and training in Oroton Gillingham*
- Chelsea Jepson has moved into a position teaching reading full time
- Sandy Nemer is not returning to focus on her family. We hope to see her again in the future
- Rachel Greenough will be stepping into the reading position
 - *Experienced OG trained tutor and teacher and long time Park Academy Substitute*
- Kim Barton will be retiring at the end of August. She has been one of the faces of Park Academy for over 17 years and will be dearly missed

