

Middle School Newsblatt

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One of TCGIS's strategic goals is to communicate the message of the school through multiple channels. I'm not sure that Zoom was on the radar for this when this goal was created, but it was sure useful last night in our Family Information Night. Thank you to those that joined teachers last night for a quick insight into details of your children's classes this year. Our online format allowed me to move around from class to class easily. While I look forward to the ability to experience this as a Dean in person, I am grateful for the opportunity that our community had to connect in this new and slightly strange way.

Happy October!

~Elizabeth Zehnpfennig, Middle School Dean





October's Middle School Schedule

*October Schedule**

*As current COVID-19 numbers allow. This is subject to change

K-8	K-2	3-4	5	6	7-8
Oct 5-9	Connection Week	Connection Week	Connection Week	Connection Week	Connection Week
Oct 12-16	Herbstferien - Fall Break (no school)				
Oct 19-23	Distance Learning Week (after break)	Distance Learning Week (after break)	Distance Learning Week (after break)	Distance Learning Week (after break)	Distance Learning Week (after break)
Oct 26-30	Distance Learning Week (after break)	Distance Learning Week (after break)	Distance Learning Week (after break)	Distance Learning Week (after break)	Distance Learning Week (after break)

Connection Week

A reminder that the week of October 5th to the 9th is a Connection Week. That means your child/ren's schedule will go back to the one from the first week of school and that our hybrid cohorts will return to school on the same days as before. Transitions can prove to be difficult for kids and for families. I suggest beginning the discussion this weekend and preparing for how Monday will be different.

There have been a few adjustments to make the cohorts more equitable and to decrease screen time.

- The Distance Learning Cohorts, or C Cohorts, will only have synchronous classes on **Mondays and Tuesdays**. The remainder of the week will be asynchronous. This is to mirror the A and B cohorts that are meeting with teachers on campus and to give kids more flexibility and literal wiggle room on the other days.

- **Advisory** will continue to be synchronous on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for all cohorts. We see this as an important check in time for our asynchronous days. Attendance will be taken in advisory.

And a few reminders about **Connections Weeks**:

- 8th grade Distance Learning students will continue to operate as before and will be integrated to the 8a/8b gelb and grün cohorts.
- Please do your [COVID 19](#) symptoms screening check each day before sending your child/ren to school.
- Be aware that temperature checks will be taken at the door and may impact the morning shuffle.
- Think about your student's departure from school and be ready to use Pik My Kid.
- Specialists will be on their last week before a rotation. Students should continue to use the same specialist link as they did in the previous weeks.
- ADSIS, SPED and DaF interventions may be on a different schedule for this week, or be adjusted to a different time moving forward. If your child's service schedule has changed, their teacher will reach out to you

Distance Weeks

The week after Connection week is Fall break. The remainder of October will see the middle school in distance learning weeks for all. That will mean a return to the Distance Learning schedule that your child has been following for the past 3 weeks.

Thank you for your flexibility with these schedule changes. If COVID has taught us one thing, it is to be flexible!

Family Schedules by Grade and Class

Here are the [schedules](#) by grade and cohort complete with links again. Click here to double check your schedule for Monday and see our teacher Bitmojis!

Family Information Night Recap

If you missed our virtual Family Information Night, here is a document with links to all of the presentations that were given by our teachers.

[Document with Presentations from 9/30/20](#)

