



September 30, 2020

Good afternoon WAMS Students and Families,

We are so looking forward to welcoming our WAMS students back to the building beginning with Cohort B in-person students tomorrow (October 1st) and Friday (October 2nd). For many families and students, the return to the physical building may evoke numerous feelings including excitement and joy or even in some cases fear and anxiety. Please know that these feelings are not uncommon as we all navigate yet another transition during the COVID 19 pandemic. Our school counseling team and staff are available to assist our students as needed. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you need additional support.

Below are some reminders and updates regarding the next transition phase to in-person blended instruction.

### **Daily Parent Reminders**

#### **Technology Devices**

Students who are scheduled to begin in-person instruction must bring their personal technology devices from home with them to school during their in-person cohort days. Students will need their devices in order to assist us with limiting hand-to-hand contact with paper/material distribution. Cell phones are not permitted to be used as a student's personal device for instructional purposes.

#### **WAMSDrop Off Procedures**

Student drop off begins at 7:25 AM at William Annin Middle School. Parents may not drop off students any earlier than 7:25 AM at the school as the building will not be accessible. Click [here](#) for the drop-off directions.

## **COVID 19 Form**

Please make sure that you are filling out the required daily COVID 19 screening form at least 30 minutes prior to your child's arrival to school. The form can be found on the Genesis Parent Portal. Those students who have not completed the form will be removed from class and sent to a holding area. Parents will be notified and must submit the form in order for the student to return to class. School personnel are not permitted to complete the form on a parent's behalf. Click [here](#) for daily attendance and COVID 19 form completion directions.

## **Advisory/Study Hall Changes**

As we begin our transition back to in-person instruction, I wanted to let parents know the changes that we will be implementing for advisory/study hall sessions. Students, with the exception of 6th graders, will now only be required to attend their advisory/study hall sessions on their cohort days.

- 6th Grade Students
  - All 6th grade students in Cohorts A/B (virtual or blended) MUST sign-in to advisory/study hall sessions every day but Wednesday.
  - Teachers will communicate to the students whether there is an activity/lesson/study hall for the day.
  - There will be days when administration requires both Cohorts to come together for a school-wide activity. Students will be notified in advance of those days.
- 7th and 8th Grade Students
  - Students in Cohort A (virtual or blended) are required to attend advisory/study hall sessions on Monday and Tuesday. Cohort A students are not required to attend advisory/study hall on Cohort B days.
  - Students in Cohort B (virtual or blended) are required to attend advisory/study hall sessions on Thursday and Friday. Cohort B students are not required to attend advisory/study hall on Cohort A days.
  - There will be days when administration requires both Cohorts to come together for a school-wide activity. Students will be notified in advance of those days.