

# Logan Township Middle School

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Dear Logan Middle School Families,

First and foremost, THANK YOU for all your support and understanding this summer as we have navigated the never ending amount of change. Please know that the health and safety of all our community members - students, staff, and families - has always been at the forefront of our decision making. I know that this has not been easy for anyone. We ALL want to be back with our students, but I assure you that we are ready to meet the challenge of this remote school opening. Your children are our most important resource and we are confident that they will have a successful year.

Today, parent access to ALMA will be available at 4:00 PM. Click this [link](#) for directions on how to access your Alma parent account. If you log into your child's account, you will be able to view their virtual schedule and see their teachers. There are a few things that are very different about this schedule and things to be aware of moving forward.

- Student groupings were based with two major priorities in mind. As many students as possible were kept together in a cohort so that teachers only have to talk to a small group of colleagues to learn about their prior year experiences. For example, a seventh grade ELA teacher will only need to talk to one or perhaps two sixth grade ELA teachers to determine what skill areas might need to be re-emphasized in seventh grade due to the abrupt change to remote learning last March. The second parameter was ensuring that students have access to all the learning supports within the classroom that they need.
- Students stay as a cohort for all major subject areas and PE/Health. Typically middle school students have one class grouping for ELA, one for Math and yet a third for Science/Social Studies and so on. This is not the case this year so that when we are able to move safely to the hybrid model, students will remain in one location and teachers will come to them. They will be with a different set of students for special areas as these will be all remote regardless of an all remote or hybrid setting (as will PE classes).
- Students will have their assigned teachers for the year regardless of whether we are completely remote, in a hybrid model or are able at some point to transition back into full time in-person instruction.

There will also be some important things for you and your child to do differently in preparation for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Please try to use this checklist as a way to ensure you are all ready to go.

- Log into your student gmail account. It will be the same as it was at the end of the school year. If you are new to the district or you are unsure of the account credentials, please use the link below as it is a reminder of how to access student account information: [Logan Township Username and Password Information Document](#) As a safety precaution,

students can only receive emails from Logan Township domain addresses and cannot email other students, only their teachers.

- Establish the area in your home where your child will work. Make sure the background is appropriate and all materials are available. This would include the materials that you have purchased from the supply list, as well as the things you will pick up on September 3 or 4 (details coming out soon!).
- Read the norms for remote learning that will come out from the district. It is important that we are all on the same page when it comes to expectations for students (and staff and parents) as we navigate the opening of school.
- Look for emails from your child's teachers to their Logan gmail account. These will ask your child to join a Google Classroom for each class so that they will be able to be ready to go on Day 1! Google Classroom is the platform being used for daily assignments and Google Meet invitations. If you and/or your child are unfamiliar with Google Classroom the following link has a short video explaining Google Classroom [Google Classroom Video](#)
- Your child will be emailed a schedule for them to follow that may be easier for them than looking in ALMA. This will come from me prior to the end of next week. Below is an example of a sixth grade schedule for students in Mrs. Brook's Homeroom and Science class.

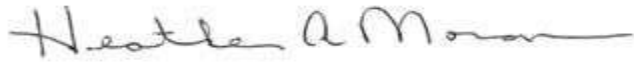
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15-8:20	Homeroom				
8:20-9:30	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
10:00-11:15	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
11:15-12:15	Lunch				
12:15-1:30	PE Live	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA
1:30-2:15	ELA (1:30-2:45)	Special Area Live	Special Area Asynchronous	i-Ready ELA	i-Ready Math
2:15-3:00	i-Ready ELA	i-Ready Math	PE Asynchronous	Health Asynchronous	Special Area Asynchronous

*(asynchronous classes are recorded sessions without any live interaction with the teacher)*

Finally, I am going to ask for your help. Our staff and students did an amazing job in March to the end of the school year, but we need to do even better starting in September! I am asking that all families do their very best to follow the schedule assigned to their child. This means attending Live lessons each day on-time and doing assignments such as i-Ready and recorded special area and PE/Health lessons during the allotted times. It is important for all of us to follow a schedule and create habits that support the acquisition of soft skills (time management, study habits, and so on) as well as the ability to transition easily to hybrid instruction when the time comes.

Again, on behalf of all of us at LMS, thank you for your continued support through all of this. Please stay in touch with your child's teacher, our school counselor Colleen McCourt and me as we navigate the 2020 - 2021 school year and find success for all our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather A. Moran". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Principal