

November 20, 2020

Dear KMS Students and Families,

We are writing to let you know that all KMS students will be using a remote model of learning from Monday, November 23 through Wednesday, December 2. Students who are typically in the building for instruction will return on Thursday, December 3.

The health and safety of our students is our greatest priority. This decision is based on multiple factors including student absences, staff absences, our ability to clean and maintain our facilities, as well as the overall local conditions. Staffing of the building weighed heavily on our decision. As a result we believe the best course of action is to have KMS students access their education remotely during this period.

Included below are the expectations for remote learning during this period.

### **Chromebooks and Other Materials**

- All students should have their Chromebooks at home. Parents are encouraged to have students use their school issued Chromebook as it is set up for productive school work.
- If a student does *not* have a school issued Chromebook currently at home, or is in need of other materials from school, families may come to KMS to pick up those items anytime between 8:00am - 4:00pm on Monday, November 23. Please call the school prior to arriving so we can be sure to have those materials ready for you.

### **Attendance**

- Students are expected to attend remote learning classes each day unless they are not feeling well and are too ill to attend.
- If a student will be absent from remote learning classes a parent/guardian is expected to contact the school to report the absence. Attendance will be recorded for each class block. In order to be considered present, a student must check in, participate in scheduled activities and be completing classwork and assignments.

### **Getting to class**

- All classes will run on the regular school schedule and students are expected to check in to each class at the start time. The bell schedule is available on <http://welcomekms.com>
- Students should check both their email and Google Hangouts for messages at 7:45 am each day and then check in to Advisory. Staff will include directions in the email for check ins and accessing classes.
- All classwork is organized in Google Classroom and all students have access to those classes.

### **Accessing free meals**

- Students may also continue to access free meals. Five sets of meals will be available for pick up at Conway Elementary School on Monday, November 23 between 12:00pm and

2:00pm. Three more sets of meals will be able to be picked up at Conway Elementary School on November 30 also between 12:00pm and 2:00pm. To request meals, please complete this form. This form can also be accessed from <https://forms.gle/1hPwfhGN28ADMtes7> If you are unable to pick up meals during those windows but would like them, please contact Aly McAllister at [a\\_mcallister@sau9.org](mailto:a_mcallister@sau9.org) and she will work with you to make other arrangements.

Thank you for your flexibility and cooperation during these challenging times. It is important to remember that this temporary change to a remote instructional platform does not mean your child was exposed to COVID-19 at school. There is no identified cluster of positive COVID-19 cases at Kennett Middle School at this time. All individuals who are potential close contacts of recent cases have been personally notified. We appreciate your support as we work to continue to provide both face-to-face and distance models of education.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate either of us.

Sincerely,



Rick Biche,  
Kennett Middle School Principal



Kevin Richard,  
SAU9 Superintendent of Schools

# So Your Class Went Remote?

Here is what you can do to keep connected to your classes and keep learning.

## Need Your Chromebook?



Have your parent/guardian call the school and request a Chromebook. Then you may pick up your Chromebook at school any time between 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

## Attending your Classes

1. Check your email at 7:45am
2. Open Google Hangouts
3. Check in to each Google Classroom at the Schedule time.
4. Email your teachers if you have any questions.



## Do you need Technology Help?



Fill out the Technology Helpdesk Form and a technician will be happy to help you!

### Technology Helpdesk Form

## Your Schedule

### Blocks

- 7:45-8:00 - Advisory
- 8:00-9:07 - Block 1/5
- 9:08-10:15 - Block 2/6
- 10:16-11:15 - Lunch/RED
- 11:15-12:22 - Block 3/7
- 12:23-1:30 - Block 4/8

