

Dear Renaissance Families,

In response to several questions we have received, we want to send some clarifications:

Yes, you can choose your days to attend in person.

Yes, you can choose to attend virtually only.

Yes, you can choose your own homeschool options with parts of the virtual and/or in-person components with clear communication with the school teacher.

Yes, if COVID numbers greatly improve, we will step up to Plan B with full days on campus and a great deal of time outside.

Yes, we look forward to the time when we all return to the full and complete schedule of school days and activities - Plan A!

Yes, all students who are registered and participating, whether virtually only or on campus as well, will be able to join sports and come back to school when we fully return.

Afternoons spent on campus -

- ❖ Students will be with their teacher and homeroom classmates.
- ❖ Students will be learning.
- ❖ Afternoon work at school will connect to morning classes in virtual learning, and expand upon lessons as well as exploring additional topics and concepts.
- ❖ Learning is not all just academics, though, especially at Renaissance Academy. Afternoons, as well as virtual morning time, will also focus on helping students make connections, build interpersonal skills, develop character strengths, and give a sense of belonging.
- ❖ One day each week on campus (for each homeroom class) will be set aside for multiple enrichment classes, i.e. drumming, art, yoga, p.e.

In the virtual morning -

- ❖ Different from last spring, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, teachers will stay connected and available to students the entire morning from 8:45 AM morning meetings to 10:30 AM math group for fourth through eighth graders, 11 o'clock wrapup for Kindergarten to third graders.
- ❖ Teachers will coach students through the work and be available for questions and assistance.

- ❖ On Wednesdays, students will have a morning meeting including teachers going over assignments and then a wrapup to the online time. Students will spend the rest of the morning working independently at home.
- ❖ Hands on work will be part of the routine. Some materials will be sent home, others teachers will guide students through creating, and find creative alternative materials to give students this strong foundation of R education.
- ❖ Our strong core curriculum will still be the focus, enriched by the engaging integrated approaches -i.e. reading connected to science, projects related to history, materials to help with math - all designed to help students build skills and experience the joy of learning.
- ❖ Virtual only students who are not coming on campus will be assigned further work that relates to the activities that will be happening on campus, and connects to the morning lessons.

Are Saturday schools/events still happening? -

Of all years in Renaissance Academy history, the 20/21 School Year calendar is the most tentative and flexible. This is the plan for days in class, but at any point the state may change to virtual learning. Special events and traditions such as the Renaissance Faire and the Chess Tournament may become virtual or distance events. We will move forward with the most positive plans and adjust as fits the circumstances at the time, with website updates and emails to families.

Summary - Start of the 2020 School Year (after Week One) -

- Each morning will start at 8:45 AM. online. Help get your students set up with basic supplies and started on Google Classroom (on a device with microphone and camera) and teachers will take it from there. Setting up a regular work space at home with everything they need for school really helps students focus on their learning.
- The afternoon drop off is between 12:00 - 1230 PM. Families drop all of their students off together at the same time in the same location.
- Students should each bring a backpack that they will keep with them with supplies for the day. A clean face mask and filled water bottle (plain water only) are essential every day.
- Pick up is between 3:00 - 3:30 PM, all children in the family together, at the same location as drop off.
- After school camp will be available until 5:30 PM.
- Families may choose their methods of participation with clear communication.

Start by completing registration: <https://forms.gle/9hQsJphAgXkJAbKB7>

At Renaissance Academy, our mission is clear and - both in the virtual and in person environments - we will work to help every student reach his or her **highest potential with confidence and joy!**