

West Chester Area School District

# E.N. Peirce Middle School

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Dear Peirce Students and Parents,

We look forward to welcoming students to the 2020-21 school year. While we had hoped for live instruction to start the school year, we are prepared to begin with Remote Learning 2.0 and return to school as soon as we can do so safely. In preparation for Remote Learning 2.0, we wanted to share the details for our daily schedule and provide context for when student schedules are released on or about **August 20**.

During Remote Learning 2.0, the student day will operate on a block schedule where students will be in class for 85 minutes rather than the usual 45 minutes. The block schedule increases the opportunity for teachers and students to interact in real-time. Once we transition to a hybrid model, it also allows for enhanced social distancing by reducing the number of times students transition from one class to another. Lastly, a block schedule allows for a consistent schedule regardless of whether teaching occurs in person or remotely.

Classes will meet every other day. Each cycle day will take two days to complete, so it will take twelve school days to complete the 6-day cycle rotation. For example, Day 1AM consists of periods 1-4; Day 1PM consists of periods 5-8; Day 2AM consists of periods 1-4, Day 2PM consists of periods 5-8, etc. Please click the appropriate grade level to familiarize yourself with the new schedule.

- [6<sup>th</sup> Grade Remote Block Schedule](#)
- [7<sup>th</sup> Grade Remote Block Schedule](#)
- [8<sup>th</sup> Grade Remote Block Schedule](#)

You will also notice an “advisory period” for each grade level. Students will be able to use this period to connect with their teachers, organize assignments, and receive additional support if needed. The four-period block schedule provides us with the safest and most flexible options during this pandemic year.

Within the next week, we will also email students and families important information for the opening of school. The email will include details for the distribution of textbooks and materials, attendance procedures, and student expectations for remote learning this fall.

Thank you and please feel free to reach out with any questions!

Joseph DiAntonio, Principal

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