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Dear OPMS families;

Yesterday, Mr. McGarrity notified everyone that we will be transitioning to remote-only instruction beginning on Monday, November 23. If Governor Cuomo designates our community as an Orange or Red Zone sooner than November 23 we would transition to remote-only instruction at that time. We want to take this opportunity to provide additional information regarding remote-only instruction at OPMS. **This information pertains to all families regardless of the mode of instruction your child is currently receiving.**

Please refer to the middle school virtual backpack (<https://www.opschools.org/domain/1754>) for the following documents.

- Cycle day calendar. Please follow the **O, P, M,** and **S** cycle days.
- A slide presentation that outlines where to find your child's fully remote schedule on the parent portal, what to expect while we are providing remote-only instruction, expectations for video conferencing, as well as other pertinent information.
- The above-referenced slide presentation with an audio voice-over of the information.

Please check the Parent Portal and take some time to review your child's schedule with them over the next few days. You can access the schedule by selecting "my schedule" on the left-hand side of the screen and then either the "week view" tab or the "matrix view" tab at the top. The "week view" may be the most user-friendly version to use to understand what classes your child needs to attend each day. If you or your child have any questions regarding their schedule, please email your child's grade-level counselor. The Parent Portal will contain the most accurate and up to date schedule for your child.

One change from last spring that you will notice with the remote-only instruction schedule is that your child will be scheduled to attend approximately 2-5 "live" classes daily with their current teachers. On days when their class is not meeting "live" via Google Meet, the expectation is that they are completing at-home (asynchronous) learning tasks independently. Our hope is that this type of schedule and structure will provide a better learning experience for your child.

Sincerely,

Aaron Grupka, Principal