

Dear TRMS families,

If you are familiar with the tv show Friends, you probably know the episode where Ross, Chandler and Rachel try to carry a large couch up a very narrow stairwell...and Ross yells “Pivot!” many times as they navigate their plan to carry the couch up the stairs. That is where we find ourselves today—pivoting in a new direction (temporarily) as we get the school year started and get our building fully staffed. We understand that these times and changes are stressful for many families. Please know that we are working very hard to make the transition back to school, remotely for now, as smooth as possible on our end. We will continue to communicate regularly as we know that information helps you with planning; your flexibility is appreciated as we work through these unique times.

We’ve included some common questions in this email. Please reach out to us if you need clarification on anything or if there is anything we can do to support your student during this unique start to the school year.

When does school start?

We still start school on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:30am as regularly scheduled—it is a B day. **All students will be remote learners until September 21st.** We are following the same grade-level schedules we sent yesterday (with a minor adjustment to add in a lunch period for students and teachers). Those schedules can be found here: <https://www.timberlane.net/ms/news-events/>

My child is cohort 1/cohort 2/remote...what now?

For now, all students are fully remote. They should attend their A day classes on A days and their B day classes on B days. **The first day of school, Tuesday, 9/8, is a B day. Please remind your student they should attend B day classes on 9/8.** You can see the AB rotation here: <https://www.timberlane.net/ms/news-events/>

When we return to the building (with a goal date of 9/21), if you have a student in cohort 1 they will attend in-person on Mondays and Tuesdays and if you have a student in cohort 2, they will attend in-person on Thursdays and Fridays. All students will work remotely on Wednesdays for the foreseeable future as originally planned. Again, all students are remote learners starting 9/8.

How do I read my child's schedule in Power School?

Check out this video link for tips on reading you student's schedule: [Navigating PowerSchool](#)

Use the info on this link for reading you student's schedule in PowerSchool; for now, ignore the hybrid information until 9/21!

How do I find my child's Google Classroom links so they are ready to join their classes starting Tuesday?

As we finalize class lists, students should check Google Classroom for teacher invitations to join their pages. They should also be checking their TRSD email accounts (which they can access in the general menu) for invitations to join classes. This is important, so students know where to log in on Tuesday morning at 7:30am (for Advisory).

Our day starts with Advisory at 7:30am (M, T, Th, F) and that is the first class they need to go to/log in to. On Wednesdays, our first class (not Advisory) starts at 7:30am. Please check out the grade level schedules using the link mentioned above.

School Counselors have been updating schedules over the past few days. Please double check your student's schedules prior to Tuesday, and make sure they have the proper Google Classroom codes and Zoom links. Email the teacher directly if you are missing any of this important information. Here is the TRMS staff directory: <https://www.timberlane.net/ms/directory/>

I have more questions: who do I contact?

We have many people ready to help you navigate the start of this year. Grade level school counselors are available by phone and email, as are grade-level assistant principals. You can also reach your child's teachers via email if you have class-specific questions.

Have a great holiday weekend. We look forward to our first day of school on Tuesday, 9/8. Though we may not be starting together in person, know that the TRMS community is a strong one and we look forward to making the coming year great.

Sincerely,

TRMS Admin team