



Upper School – Learning @ Home

As you know, TMS, like other independent schools, has made the decision to close following the School March Break to support the containment of COVID-19. As a result of the closure, we have moved our classroom learning to an online platform effective Tuesday March 24th.

Here is how it will work:

- Online classes will begin on Tuesday, March 24th, Day 6.
- Teachers will be using Google Classroom, Google Hangouts, Email, and other G-Suite software to deliver lessons and instructions to students.
- In order to connect online, students will need their laptop computer (with audio/video capability), a quiet place to focus, which is not their bedroom, and access to the internet. Classes will look different depending on the subject; however, students should expect the following.
- School day is from **9:00am to 3:30pm** with a one hour lunch
 - The morning classes have a break of 10 minutes between classes, while the afternoon classes have 5 minutes.
 - Daily Tutorials are from 3:30pm to 4:00pm.
- Classes will follow each student's timetable, with the first class beginning at 8:15 am as per usual.
 - Students will be expected to login at the start of their class to connect with their teacher.
 - Classes will typically contain an instructional component, and will then be followed by a variety of activities. Sometimes, students will need to be connected to the class for the full duration of that class, sometimes they will need to work offline. More teachers are asking students to work off-line during the course of the lesson and register back at the end of the period, which also limits the amount of screen time.
 - Teachers will assign work to be submitted.
 - Attendance will be taken for each class and recorded in the school's attendance system.



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Altered Schedule

Everyday Schedule	Time	Minutes
Optional Physical Activity (M/F)	8:15 – 8:45	
Period 1	9:00 –10:00	60
Break	10:00 -10:10	10
Period 2	10:10 –10:50	40
Break	10:50 -11:00	10
Period 3	11:00 –12:00	60
Lunch	12:00 –1:00	60
Period 4	1:00 – 2:00	60
Break	2:00 - 2:05	5
Period 5	2:05 – 2:45	40



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Break	2:45 - 2:50	5
Period 6	2:50 – 3:30	40
Optional Tutorial	3:30 – 4:00	30

Physical Activity

- We are happy to add some opportunities for collective physical activities. Not only is being active important for physical and mental health, but coming together as a Titan Community will help us stay connected and feel supported. Our Athletic Director, Ms. Willis will start a few initiatives that will help TMS get active out of the comfort of their own homes. On Friday and Monday mornings, virtual fitness classes will be run through Google Classroom. A link will be shared in the weekly Athletic Email and you can access it below:
- Friday’s will be “HIIT” classes and Monday’s will be “Zumba”. Classes will start at 8:30am and we hope to see many parents, staff and students logging in to join! [Virtual Fitness Google Class](#) (code - b7uspfq) OR click on the [video stream link](#).
- Another way to stay active and to challenge your friends and loved ones to do the same is by participating in our “Daily Physical Activity Challenge” via [@tmsathletics_upperschool](#) Instagram account! Every day a different Teacher, Coach or even a Student will share a quick physical activity challenge that you can do right in the comfort of your own home! You can comment on the Instagram post, tag back the account of you actually doing the workout or use the [#tmsmovestgether](#), to share your work out! If you like, we can even post you on the “story” for the day! We hope to see everyone getting active together – Go Titans!

Please be patient with us if technical difficulties arise. As always, we greatly appreciate your support as we aim to provide optimum learning experiences for your child during this unique time.

Included on this TMS Learning @ Home site, please find a document which outlines the roles and responsibilities for all of us during this phase of virtual learning.



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While we know it is hard to replicate the learning journey your child experiences each day at TMS, we hope this short-term bridge to their learning is helpful, fun, and engaging. We encourage you and your child to share your ideas, experiences and the conversations this new form of learning provokes. It is our hope that this will continue to move the curriculum forward, encourage students to lean into a new challenge with courage and optimism and be a new way to further increase independence and responsibility in each student.

We are here to support you so please reach out to your child's teachers or to either of us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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