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Good evening BMS families,

Welcome to 2021! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and were able to find time to relax and rejuvenate with your family and loved ones. As the rest of our school year gets underway, I want to share some important information with you all.

First, the midway point of the school year is upon us, and progress reports will be going home on Friday, January 15. This means that all of our students will begin their second-semester specials classes on Tuesday, January 19, when we return from the long weekend. Students will receive their new semester 2 schedules that will reflect those changes when they come into school that morning.

Next, while we do not anticipate shifting to full remote learning, with the unpredictability of Covid-19, I wanted to re-share the schedule for what full-remote learning will look like if we find ourselves in a situation where Canterbury Public Schools are forced to close.

Below, please find a visual example of the schedule:

Grade 7/8:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:10	7A Math 7B Reading 7C Writing 8A Science 8B Social Studies 8C Bulldog Block	7A Science 7B Social Studies 7C Bulldog Block 8A Math 8B Reading 8C Writing	8:30-9:30- Second Step with Homerooms	7A Math 7B Reading 7C Writing 8A Science 8B Social Studies 8C Bulldog Block	7A Science 7B Social Studies 7C Bulldog Block 8A Math 8B Reading 8C Writing
9:20-10:00	7A Bulldog Block 7B Math 7C Reading 8A Writing 8B Science 8C Social Studies	7A Writing 7B Science 7C Social Studies 8A Bulldog Block 8B Math 8C Reading	9:30-3:30- Office Hours	7A Bulldog Block 7B Math 7C Reading 8A Writing 8B Science 8C Social Studies	7A Writing 7B Science 7C Social Studies 8A Bulldog Block 8B Math 8C Reading
10:10-10:50	Specials	Specials		Specials	Specials
10:50-11:20	Break			Break	
11:20-12:00	7A Social Studies 7B Bulldog Block 7C Math 8A Reading 8B Writing 8C Science	7A Reading 7B Writing 7C Science 8A Social Studies 8B Bulldog Block 8C Math		7A Social Studies 7B Bulldog Block 7C Math 8A Reading 8B Writing 8C Science	7A Reading 7B Writing 7C Science 8A Social Studies 8B Bulldog Block 8C Math
12:10-12:50	Specials	Remote Office Hours with homeroom teacher		Specials	Remote Office Hours with homeroom teacher
12:50-1:50	Lunch/Break			Lunch/Break	
1:50-3:00	Remote Support As Needed: Students must email staff directly to schedule office hours support			Remote Support As Needed: Students must email staff directly to schedule office hours support	

Grade 5/6:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:10	5A Math 5B Reading 5C Writing 6A Science 6B Social Studies 6C Bulldog Block	5A Science 5B Social Studies 5C Bulldog Block 6A Math 6B Reading 6C Writing	8:30-9:30- Second Step with Homerooms	5A Math 5B Reading 5C Writing 6A Science 6B Social Studies 6C Bulldog Block	5A Science 5B Social Studies 5C Bulldog Block 6A Math 6B Reading 6C Writing
9:20-10:00	Specials	Specials	9:30-3:30- Office Hours	Specials	Specials
10:10-10:50	5A Bulldog Block 5B Math 5C Reading 6A Writing 6B Science 6C Social Studies	5A Writing 5B Science 5C Social Studies 6A Bulldog Block 6B Math 6C Reading		5A Bulldog Block 5B Math 5C Reading 6A Writing 6B Science 6C Social Studies	5A Writing 5B Science 5C Social Studies 6A Bulldog Block 6B Math 6C Reading
10:50-11:20	Break			Break	
11:20-12:00	Specials	5A Reading 5B Writing 5C Science 6A Social Studies 6B Bulldog Block 6C Math		Specials	5A Reading 5B Writing 5C Science 6A Social Studies 6B Bulldog Block 6C Math
12:10-12:50	5A Social Studies 5B Bulldog Block 5C Math 6A Reading 6B Writing 6C Science	Homeroom to prepare for remote learning		5A Social Studies 5B Bulldog Block 5C Math 6A Reading 6B Writing 6C Science	Homeroom to prepare for remote learning
12:50-1:50	Lunch/Break			Lunch/Break	
1:50-3:00	Remote Support As Needed: Students must email staff directly to schedule office hours support			Remote Support As Needed: Students must email staff directly to schedule office hours support	

During Class Blocks:

- All students will spend the beginning of class taking part in synchronous learning using ZOOM and Google Classroom
- Teachers will provide 10-15 minute mini-lesson for students
- Students will spend the balance of their class time working in small groups in online breakout rooms or will work offline on individual independent learning.
- Attendance will be taken every period.
- Students will have to have cameras on in order to be counted as present.

Wednesdays:

- 8:30-9:30 will be a mandatory homeroom time, for second step lessons. This will count for student attendance on Wednesdays.
- The rest of Wednesday will be open for students to catch up on work and to reach out to staff for remote support as needed.
- A schedule of staff office hours will be shared if BMS moves to full remote.

I know that this full remote is very different from what is currently occurring for remote students. The main reason is that, with a majority of teachers and students working from home, the ability to live stream becomes much more manageable and achievable.

Finally, a reminder that Friday the 15th of January will be a ½ day/early release for students.

Thank you and have a great weekend,

Mr. Dukette