

## New Market Middle School Back to School Night Questions and Answers

- Will the google meet links for virtual classes be in schoology?  
Yes, all links will be placed in Schoology
- On my schedule it says possible activities for the day. What does that mean?  
Students will have a wide variety of activities to complete and Wednesday is a day when students have the entire day to work on those activities.
- This meeting is going to be available for us to review later?  
Yes, it will be available on the NMMS website.
- How will we show math work online?  
Schoology has the capabilities to utilize Kami, a program that students can write on, they can take pictures and upload it, they write directly on a Google Doc, use whiteboards or use Peardeck.
- Is there a dress code during virtual learning? If so, what is the dress code?  
We ask that students dress appropriately as if they were in the actual school building
- Do we need any special books for Math, ELA or History?  
All students will get a Math workbook. Some LA teachers will have a novel for you to pick up.
- When will we pick up materials from the school?  
Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020 between 8:30am – 3:30pm
- If both parents are working is the child expected to do all this alone on the computer.  
The work is designed to be completely independently; however, we offer Extended Learning Opportunities for students Monday-Thursday from 6pm-8pm.
- Where do we find the blueprint?  
The Instructional Calendar (blueprint) for the week is always located in the blue folder on the teachers Schoology homepage.
- Is there a required number of attended google meetings that a student must participate in (online)?  
We recommend that students attend all of the googlemeet opportunities that they can.
- How is attendance being tracked?  
Students will be marked present if there is evidence that they engaged in learning activities at some point in the day.

- What if your child is not capable of doing this alone because of a learning disability with an IEP.  
NMMS special education teacher and aides are available daily to work with students who have IEPs
- When will it be decided which children with IEP's will be able to come to school?  
The current plan is to bring in our small groups beginning the week of Sept. 21st
- How quickly will lesson videos be posted in Schoology?  
The Instructional Calendar for each week will be posted on Monday morning at 8am.
- Google meet is for fact to face instruction? And all the work is done on the Schoology platform?  
That is correct
- Will they have a physical Go Math book?  
Yes
- How will your kid get into Schoology?  
Students will use their FCPS username and password
- Are the kids required to have their video on during face to face instruction?  
No, it is not required. It is highly recommended.
- Will work be submitted daily or weekly?  
Teachers will share their plan for work submission during the first week with students.
- Will the full schedule be up and running the first week? Or is there a "Getting to Know" time period?  
Teachers will spend some time in the first week getting to know students and building relationships in the virtual environment. Teachers may also begin working on curriculum content.
- Will you text our parents about all this if they are not here?  
A recording of the Back to School Night will be available on the NMMS website.
- There will be google meet links sent out before when the period is supposed to have their face to face learning?  
Yes, the links will be in the Schoology classroom.
- I completed the Chromebook Policy form which indicated there was a device fee. Should this be paid at material pick up?  
FCPS has decided to waive the device fee for this year. However, they have updated the charges incurred for Chromebook damage.
- If we requested a Chromebook but have not heard that we will be able to have one, who do we contact?  
Our User Support Specialist, Amber Stotemyer will be contacting students to arrange pickup of Chromebooks. If you have not been contacted, you can contact her at [Amber.Stotemyer@fcps.org](mailto:Amber.Stotemyer@fcps.org).

- If we can not come during 8:30-3:30 on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, will there be another time?  
We currently do not have a second pick up time scheduled.
- Is there a schedule for material distribution or do we just show up?  
You can come anytime between 8:30a.m. – 3:30pm.
- I completed the PowerHouse registration but didn't upload any documents – is any uploading documents necessary?  
Please contact Haley Weldon, our registrar, at [emily.weldon@fcps.org](mailto:emily.weldon@fcps.org) This is a developing new system.
- How do we get into a teacher's Schoology class?  
Every student was sent emails, and some have received letters that have their Username and Password to enter Schoology. Each student's classes are already loaded. They will be available August 27.
- My daughter's Schoology password was the same as her google classroom? Will it change?  
All passwords are being reset at midnight, Wed., August 26, 2020. The password will be what was shown on the Schoology letter (blue sheet) mailed home in the packet with the student schedule.
- Can I email Ms. Cramer about instrument rentals and books for Band 6?  
Yes. [Kimberley.Cramer@fcps.org](mailto:Kimberley.Cramer@fcps.org)
- Can you show me how to get into Schoology?  
On each Chromebook, there is an FCPS bookmark. Click the Schoology icon. Enter their Username and Password if asked, access will be given on August 27.
- Do we need any special calculators for honors math?  
Each teacher will be sending class specific information in the first week of school. Calculators and such will be listed in each class' Schoology syllabus. You can also refer to the student supply list.
- Is the advisory teacher the same as the homeroom teacher?  
Yes
- The schedule does not include lunch time. Is that scheduled at some point?  
Students finish their synchronous instruction at 11:55am and can have lunch anytime after that. The schedule grid was sent with the welcome back to school packet. Lunch is after 3rd period. If you did not receive a grid, contact your Guidance counselor.
- If I have a question about a math group for a new student, whom should I contact?  
Contact the student's math teacher.
- Where is the parent resources document housed (located)?  
[Essential Curriculum and Parent Resources](#)

[education.fcps.org/essentialcurriculum/](https://education.fcps.org/essentialcurriculum/)

- So are we doing google meets at the time listed for our classes?  
Correct
- How many students are in each advisory session?  
25 +/-
- So the password that came with the schedule is our HAC password too?  
HAC is currently not being used this year. You will access grades on Schoology.
- Will all teachers be required to use Schoology? Had lots of problems with Google classroom last year.  
All teachers will be using Schoology.
- My 6<sup>th</sup> grader last year still has Schoology but we were sent a new code to link him to Schoology. Do I have to enter him again, or does his account from last year still work?  
The information sent out will work August 27, use the new code.
- For visual arts do we have to come in on Thursday to pick up supplies? It wasn't clear in the slides. Do parents receive Schoology password resets as well as teachers?  
Students will need supplies for our Visual Arts class. That information would be available in each student's syllabi on Schoology. Schoology passwords were reset with access on August 27.
- So the kids only have live instruction/interaction Wednesdays?  
No, students have live instruction Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. They may also have it on Wednesday during a teachers office hours.
- Wednesday is the only day they won't have live instruction?  
Each student will have live instruction 4 days a week. They can also access live help on Wednesday during office hours, and may be asked to join a small group.
- What if a student is absent? Do we still need a note?  
Yes, for it to be a lawful absence you will need to email a note to [NMMS.attendance@fcps.org](mailto:NMMS.attendance@fcps.org)
- Are students expected to be present during the advisory times and all the period times or are they able to do their work and watch the recordings at different times?  
Whenever possible students should attend all Advisory sessions and googlemeet sessions with their teacher. The googlemeets will be recorded and archived for students to go back and view in the event that they miss a session.
- Can you explain the repair fees? Haven't had to pay this in the past. My daughter's laptop has issues internally?  
The only fees you would have to pay is for repairs. There are no upfront fees this year.
- How does testing work this year?  
TBD

- When will the Pathways students know who their FCVS teacher is? Will they be able to meet before school?

They should be reaching out to their students by the end of the week since classes begin on Monday. Classes will be held in the afternoon.