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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The MEMS Administrative team would like to thank all of you for your patience and support as we navigated the most unconventional school opening any of us have ever been a part of. I would also like to commend the students for the mature and serious way in which they have handled wearing masks, staggered dismissal and arrival, temperature checks, and social distancing. I would be remiss if I did not recognize the teachers for balancing all they do on a daily basis while also adding, in- person learning, 100% virtual learning, and hybrid learning. Finally, we want to recognize the hard work of our facilities staff for their efforts with our enhanced cleaning and sanitation protocols. It is a credit to the entire MEMS staff and community that we have met this fall's challenges and we opened our school as scheduled.

While we are proud of the work we have done so far, I recognize that we are still new to hybrid learning and we need to be able to pivot as we learn what is working and what is not. Starting this week core class teachers will begin the transition to synchronous learning. Simply put your child will meet his ELA, Math, and Science/Social Studies teachers at the same time for in person and hybrid days. Core classes will be synchronous for the first portion of the class. Students may be asked to stay longer or they may be given independent work. [The following chart should help you visualize the updated hybrid schedule.](#) As you know we collect a great deal of data points on our students. This week we will also be completing many of those assessments. Given this and the different requirements of each individual content area, not all classes will be moving to synchronous instruction at the same time. Please reference your child's classroom teacher's guidance. Beyond the move to synchronous instruction it is our expectation that students who are learning virtually for the day will take part in the after school feedback loop with their teachers. Teachers after school hours are attached to the schedule above.

Our Virtual Academy schedule will remain unchanged. In an effort to streamline communication between parents and staff we ask the following of our Virtual Academy parents (Beta/Theta). Please direct any specific questions to teachers first, followed by your grade level Assistant Principal (Mr. Curtis -7th Grade, Mr. Reid-8th Grade). If your child is experiencing technology issues and in the Virtual Academy, please access the help form on the [MEMS website](#). Mrs. Jonas will be available for general Virtual Academy inquiry and information. If you have other concerns feel free to contact my office.

Thank you,

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