



GLEN MEADOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you have read from our Superintendent's message yesterday, effective Tuesday, January 19, 2021, all Vernon Township Schools will reopen with a **FULL DAY HYBRID INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE** and students will return with their assigned Blue or Gold cohorts. **Our district will remain hybrid until further notice and we may switch to virtual learning at any time.** A Blue and Gold schedule is on the last page of this letter. For planning purposes, the BLUE team always comes to school on Mondays and Tuesdays and the GOLD team always comes to school on Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesdays will alternate between BLUE and GOLD. If you would like your child to become an Exclusively Virtual student or vice versa, please contact the main office at the number listed above. Since we are still amid the pandemic, there may be times your child comes to school and his/her regularly scheduled teacher is not present. This means that your child will be monitored by a substitute teacher or another teacher who may be assigned to the class.

Please see Genesis for your child's morning bus arrival time if you are not driving your child to school. Students who ride the bus should dress warmly. Bus windows will need to be at least partially open when transporting children to and from schools. Masks are still required.

After school activities will begin on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, with a 4:15 pm bus available. Please check with your child's activity advisor for the schedule for the clubs your child is a member. Please note: if your child is participating in the boys and girls basketball program, practice ends at 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Parents must pick up their child at Glen Meadow for the boys and Lounsberry Hollow for the girls. There is no after school bus for this program.

Complimentary breakfast and lunches will continue to be available to ALL students on a daily basis, including our Exclusively Virtual students. Virtual students can pick up their meals at the Vernon Township High School. We will be taking all precautions in the cafeteria. Additional outdoor picnic tables have been purchased. Please remind your child to dress warmly as he or she will have the option to eat outdoors on warmer days.

ALL students, whether in-person or virtual, will be learning LIVE together with their teacher. Therefore, all students who are home are expected to be on their Chromebook and attending the LIVE class at the designated times learning with their in-person peers. **Because students will be attending school either in-person or online five days a week there will be no "office hours"**. When your child is attending synchronous (LIVE) lessons, you can expect the teacher to be (but not limited to):

- Teaching a 10 to 15-minute mini-lesson
- Reviewing a concept,
- Conducting a class conversation on a topic,
- Having a student explain an answer, etc.

- Providing a demonstration (science experiment, for example)
- Allowing time for the student to work on a skill and then calling the students back into the class to assist one-on-one or by whole group

For our students, here are some requests and reminders from your teachers:

- **Student attendance is mandatory for all synchronous lessons at the designated times for each period,**
- Check Schoology for correspondence and daily expectations,
- Come to class on time while participating in a LIVE Zoom or Schoology Conference and remain in one location; clock times vary, please login a few minutes prior to the class starting time.
- Please dress as you would for school,
- Participate from a quiet place in your home,
- Please keep your camera on unless instructed otherwise by your teacher,
- Be respectful,
- Anything visible in the background of your video must be school appropriate.

For our parents and guardians, here are some requests from Glen Meadow, please:

- Set clear expectations and routines for your child's remote learning days.
- Partner with your child's teacher and reach out should any challenges arise.
- Refrain from joining your child's LIVE classes or be visible on your child's screens during classes.
- Encourage your child to communicate with teachers when your child has questions or concerns

Please note: from time to time to help limit screen time, there will be days that teachers may elect to have a particular class period be an asynchronous lesson; however, your child's teacher will be available during the period to assist your child. During these periods, your child will be working and learning at his or her own pace individually while in-person students will be with their teacher in the classroom. Please check each teacher's Schoology page that will tell students on the Updates page what is expected on any given day. Asynchronous lessons may include some of the third-party computer applications your child is familiar with including (but not limited to):

- Pre-recorded lessons via Screencastify or Loom
- EdPuzzle lessons with accompanying questions to keep the students engaged and focused on the topic
- Select YouTube videos to reinforce a skill being taught
- Google slides with embedded links (this is called a Hyper Doc) where students are taken to a site or a document where they must complete work
- A Kahoot, Pear Deck, or Gimkit academic game used to reinforce a skill
- Kami documents where a student must complete a worksheet on concepts learned, for example after reading a "Scope" magazine article in Language Arts class
- Continuation of work completion on a particular project either individually or in small group working virtually

A secure test/quiz your child must take

Sincerely,

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Glen Meadow Middle School
Regular Full Day Schedule
2020-2021

HR	8:10 AM	8:18 AM
Period 1	8:21 AM	9:02 AM
Period 2	9:05 AM	9:46 AM
Period 3	9:49 AM	10:30 AM
Period 4	10:33 AM	11:14 AM
Period 5	11:17 AM	11:58 AM
Period 6	12:01 PM	12:42 PM
Period 7	12:45 PM	1:26 PM
Period 8	1:29 PM	2:10 PM
Period 9	2:13 PM	2:54 PM
Dismissal	2:55 PM	

Blue and Gold Schedule for January and February 2021

As a reminder, please note: Our district will remain hybrid until further notice and we may switch to all virtual learning at any time. This calendar only takes us to late February. You will always be updated when plans change in the district.

Reopening Schedule

January 2021

Monday, 1/18 Schools Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Tuesday, 1/19 Blue Team Week A	Wednesday, 1/20 Blue Team Week A	Thursday, 1/21 Gold Team Week A	Friday, 1/22 Gold Team Week A
Monday, 1/25 Blue Team Week B	Tuesday, 1/26 Blue Team Week B	Wednesday, 1/27 Gold Team Week B	Thursday, 1/28 Gold Team Week B	Friday, 1/29 Gold Team Week B

February 2021

1 Blue Team Week A	2 Blue Team Week A	3 Blue Team Week A	4 Gold Team Week A	5 Gold Team Week A
8 Blue Team Week B	9 Blue Team Week B	10 Gold Team Week B	11 Gold Team Week B	12 Gold Team Week B
15 Schools Closed Presidents Day	16 Blue Team Week A	17 Blue Team Week A	18 Gold Team Week A	19 Gold Team Week A
22 Blue Team Week B	23 Blue Team Week B	24 Blue Team* Week B *so that Blue/Gold have same amount of live instruction days	25 Gold Team Week B	26 Gold Team Week B