

Notification from: Melican Middle School (MMS)

April 12, 2021

Dear Melican Families –

As we enter what we hope will be our final week of hybrid learning, we want to thank you for your continued partnership with us. We certainly understand that having students home 60% of each week poses many challenges to their learning, and we are looking forward to having them back in-person 5 days each week. We also appreciate that the separation between home and school are important for families, and we hope moving toward a typical 5-day learning model helps restore some of the balance for families.

For families continuing with the Stand-Alone Remote learning model, our teachers are committed to making the experience meaningful, engaging, and rigorous. As with in-person learning, the schedule will shift from a Day 1 through Day 5 schedule to a Monday through Friday schedule.

Bus Registration and Seating: Please remember to register your child to take the bus ([Bus Registration Form](#)) if he/she will be taking the bus and is not already registered. Additionally, for accurate contact tracing, we are working with our drivers to establish assigned seats on our buses.

Schedules: We are moving to a Monday through Friday schedule. All students will receive paper copies of their schedules in homeroom on April 26, 2021. The only part of student schedules changing (for most students) is that Day 1 through Day 5 is changing to Monday through Friday.

Message from MaryEllen Duggan:

All individuals interested in vaccines (regardless of age or current eligibility status) are welcome to [pre-register on the state's website](#). When you are eligible, you will be alerted when an appointment is available in our area. You can register children of all ages. Appointments at our regional vaccination site at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough (opening around mid-April) will be filled through this pre-registration process.

Message from our Nurses:

We are looking to increase the number of students that participate in the Covid pooled screening offered weekly at Melican. Please consider having your child participate. It is important for the continued health and well-being of students and staff to be aware of any asymptomatic cases, particularly with the upcoming potential increase to 100% in-person learning.

Please follow the instructions to register your child for the weekly pooled testing.

Step 1: Please fill out the following registration form. This only needs to be filled out once.

[Registration form for pooled screening](#)

Step 2: Please sign the consent form for your child and email a copy of the consent to ldefeudis@nsboro.k12.ma.us

[Consent for pooled screening](#)

- Samples should be collected in the morning before coming to school.
- Samples should be returned in the box with their label on it.
- Cohort B collection is on Thursdays.
- Cohort A collection is on Fridays.
- Students in SARP can drop off either day by 10am. Kits are passed out in homeroom on Tuesday mornings for cohort B and Wednesday morning for cohort B.

[FAQ about pooled screening](#)

[Instructions how to collect a sample](#)

Please ignore the part where it says to discard the box. We ask that you return the sample in the box as it has the student's name on it.

Schedule for the Week:

Monday (4/12) – Remote Monday – Day 5 - Half-Day for Students – School Day ends at 11:00 for Students.

Grades 7 and 8 – First 5 Periods

Grade 6 – First 4 Periods; 10:30-10:55 – Independent Work and/or Extra Help

Cohort B – Remote

Cohort A – Remote

SARP – Remote

2:45-3:30 – In-Person Orientation for students transferring from SARP to In-Person Learning. *This is an optional orientation. We will begin our orientation in the cafeteria.*

Tuesday (4/13) – Day 4

Cohort B – In-Person

Cohort A – Remote

SARP – Remote

Wednesday (4/14) – Day 5

Cohort A – In-Person

Cohort B – Remote

SARP – Remote

3:00 – Zoom Meeting for students (and their parents) participating in interscholastic track, baseball, and softball (<https://nsboro-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/85465798924>).

Thursday (4/15) – Day 5

Cohort B – In-Person

Cohort A – Remote

SARP – Remote

Friday (4/16) – Day 1

Cohort A – In-Person

Cohort B – Remote

SARP – Remote

Please click [here](#) to nominate someone for NSPAC's Go the Distance Awards. Nominations are due on April 16.

Upcoming Dates:

April 26, 2021 – Return to 100% In-Person Learning (if conditions allow)

May 10, May 24 – half-days for students

Please reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

Michelle Karb, Principal and Jennifer Callaghan, Assistant Principal

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