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Greetings, Roosevelt Community:

Hope the long weekend was refreshing and preparatory for the last week of summer for students! We look forward to seeing our students online on Monday, September 14.

Below is a short update for the week ahead.

School Year Start-Up

On Friday, please expect at least two emails, one from us and one from your student's House advisor:

- From RMS, you'll receive information about accessing student schedules online, and a schedule for the week of September 14-18.
- From your student's house advisor, you'll receive a welcome email with Zoom codes for House for the week.

You will also hear from your students' teachers with information about Canvas, Zoom, and the schedule for the week.

A Few More Notes About the Schedule

Last week, we sent out a first version of our middle school schedule. It is attached here again with the caveat that the district has not yet finalized the Wednesday schedule. With our teachers, we are continuing to determine exactly how the schedule will work for staff and our community. A few important considerations for all of us:

- This is an entirely new type of schedule with both synchronous and asynchronous learning:
 - Synchronous learning happens in real time in the afternoons only.
 - Asynchronous learning happens when learning is most convenient for students and families. In the schedule from the district, mornings are blocked out for this purpose and can be completed when it makes sense for your family.
- We are very conscious about balancing two opposing ideas: it is great to have students connect via video conferencing and to feel more connected to their school community and too much screen time, especially video conferencing, can be overwhelming and numbing. We've all heard of Zoom fatigue and video conferencing for 2-3 hours a day can be very taxing. We are committed to finding unique and creative ways to support, teach and empower students.

The week of September 14, the schedule is different than what it will be the following week:

Monday, 9/14	9:00 am 9:30 - 10:30 am 12:05 - 1:05 pm	6th grade class welcome via Zoom with Courtney and Mike 6th grade students w/ CORE leaders/House advisors on Zoom 7th/8th grade students in House w/Advisors
Tuesday, 9/15	12:05 - 3:45	A Day Schedule
Wednesday, 9/16	12:05 - 3:45	B Day Schedule
Thursday, 9/17	12:05 - 3:45	A Day Schedule
Friday, 9/18	12:05 - 3:45	B Day Schedule

The following week, September 21 - 25, Monday and Thursday are A days, Tuesday and Friday are B days, and Wednesday will be a special schedule TBA.

iPad Distribution

Our last round of iPad pick up is **Thursday, September 10**, please swing by between 8 am and 4 pm to grab yours ... masks and social distancing, please. Thanks!

Closing

One week to go! We look forward to welcoming you to grade level parent meet and greets on Thursday, September 17 beginning at 5:00 pm and then a Parents at Roosevelt (PAR) meeting the same evening at 6:30 pm. Please look for more information in the next update the week of September 14.

As always, thanks for your thoughtful questions and ideas and for your patience as we move into a fall unlike any other.

Our best,
Courtney and Mike