**Cockeysville Middle School**

**Remote Learning FAQ’s**

Over the past several days, we have received several great questions from our families about aspects of remote learning. We have attempted to compile them below to hopefully help our families as best we can.

**I do not understand how Wednesdays on the 4-day weeks work, can you clarify?**

We have multiple weeks throughout the first semester that have only 4 days due to holidays or scheduled PD days by BCPS. On these weeks it is important to know which classes your child should attend. Below is a list of Wednesdays that your child will need to pay close attention to:

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| Date | Change |
| Wednesday, September 9th  | Follow the live instruction schedule you would normally follow on a MONDAY |
| Wednesday, September 30th  | Follow the live instruction schedule you would normally follow on a MONDAY |
| Wednesday, October 14th  | Follow the live instruction schedule you would normally follow on a FRIDAY |
| Wednesday, November 4th  | Follow the live instruction schedule you would normally follow on a TUESDAY |
| Wednesday, November 25th  | Follow the live instruction schedule you would normally follow on a THURSDAY |
| Wednesday, December 23rd  | Follow the live instruction schedule you would normally follow on a THURSDAY |
| Wednesday, January 20th  | Follow the live instruction schedule you would normally follow on a MONDAY |

**How does my child log-in to his or her Advisory? I do not see it in Schoology.**

Your child’s Advisory teacher should send them a message in Schoology with a link to log-in to their Advisory for the first time. Please make sure that your child checks his or her Schoology messages.

**What if my device is broken?**

The first step for a device repair is that you need to call the BCPS Help Desk at 443-809-4672. They will first attempt to troubleshoot the issue with you. If that does not work, they will give you a ticket number tell you that they will mail a device to our building. As soon as we have the device, someone will reach out to you and let you know when you can come to CMS and swap out the old device for a working one.

**What is the deal with this update on my BCPS device? Do I need it? If I got it am I still ok?**

If you already downloaded, or attempted to download the update, that is fine. Everything will work fine. If you did not, that is also fine, everything will work fine. If you have NOT downloaded the update, you SHOULD NOT download it on any device per BCPS.

**How does my child get marked “Present” to school?**

Your child will get attendance taken each “period” that they log in to Meet. On Wednesdays, your child **MUST** log-in to Schoology at least one time to be marked “present” on Wednesday. If you have attendance questions, please reach out to your child’s teacher directly.

**How does Remote Learning work? I am still a little uncertain how my child will access his or her classes.**

Everything can be accessed through Schoology. Your child can access Schoology by logging in to your child’s BCPSOne account at <http://bcpsone.bcps.org>. Once they log in, they can go to “Courses” at the top of the Schoology start page and access all of their classes that way. Teachers will post links to their Google Meet live sessions as well as all of the classwork under their Schoology courses. If you have any trouble accessing Schoology, reach out to acarney@bcps.org, jbenjamin2@bcps.org, or kfowler3@bcps.org for more assistance. If you have questions about a teacher’s page specifically, please email that teacher or message them in Schoology and they will be more than happy to work through any issues with you.

**What about Agenda books? I’ve heard other schools purchased them and we always receive one – am I getting one for my child?**

We made the decision earlier in the summer not to spend the large amount of money on physical agenda books with so much uncertainty surrounding the school year. What we did not want was to spend that much money on them and have them sit all year and have to be thrown out since obviously they are only good for this school year. We apologize to our families who usually rely on those agendas, and we will pick back up with them next school year. If you would like to purchase one to support your child, we can definitely ensure a staff member works with him or her on using the agenda.

**What is the difference between this “Homeroom” and “Skill Development” course I just saw pop up?**

“Skill Development” is the course name we use for our Advisory course, which is the first course students will log into on Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM. You can access your child’s Advisory class via that course, or a Schoology message your child’s Advisory teacher should have sent you. If you have trouble logging in to Advisory on Tuesday morning, contact your child’s Advisory teacher directly. It will be the teacher that is listed under “Skill Development.”

**I can’t find any information. Where can I find all of this stuff?**

All of our information is posted here: <https://cockeysvillems.bcps.org/c_m_s_virtual_campus>. This includes supply lists, our electronic version of the Remote Learning Playbook, and our schedule. We also have posted our Transition activities for 6th graders so that all of our students may benefit. As always, if you need help finding anything, please email acarney@bcps.org, jbenjamin2@bcps.org, or kfowler3@bcps.org.