

Greetings Lilburn Middle School Families,

As we conclude 2020, and break for the winter holiday, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who help to make Lilburn Middle School an amazing place to be. We are a community with many gifts and talents, which we share daily with one another and most importantly, our students. With students learning in the classroom, or online at home, our efforts to support our students are always filled with the student's interest in mind. Our teachers and parents have demonstrated the commitment and a willingness to make decisions that will have a positive and lasting influence in the future for all.

Parents, you are such a critical part of all that we hope to accomplish on behalf of our Lilburn Middle School scholars. I am grateful to you for masterfully doing what I know firsthand is the hardest, most rewarding and joyous job of all. Thank you for entrusting us with your most precious gift. You send your best gift to us every day when you send your child to school at LMS. I am grateful to our wonderful, talented, creative, inquisitive, optimistic, resourceful and resilient students. Often, they make us laugh, sometimes they make us cry, but always they make us think. Most of all, they make us better.

In the spirit of this holiday season, I want to extend my thanks to all of you for everything that you do for our school. As we enjoy the upcoming holidays, it is my hope that you all receive an abundance of blessings and that you and your family remain safe. I will reflect on how fortunate I am to serve as the principal of Lilburn Middle School. I have been able to see the best examples of hope and perseverance here. The experiences that I have had at LMS and in the Lilburn community this semester have been the best gift of all. To the parents and friends of the Lilburn Middle School community, please have a safe and joyous holiday season. Please make sure to read below for some brief and important updates for our scholars.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Nicole Irish*

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Principal, Lilburn Middle School

- Report Cards**

On December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, LMS scholars completed grade level final exams. Additionally, scholars have been busy turning in missing assignments and/or redoing work that was required for grade replacement. Teachers have finalized grades and the scholars should receive final report cards in January. These report cards will be mailed out from GCPS District Office on/around January 15<sup>th</sup> to the address on record. If you need to make a correction to your address, please contact the Lilburn Middle School main office at (770) 921-1776.

- Academic Assistance Program**

Scholars brought home a flyer for the Academic Assistance Program on 12/18/2020. Parents, please read that flyer for important information about AAP. Those scholars who did not successfully complete one or more of their academic courses (grade of 70, or lower) will have the opportunity to participate in this grade recovery program. The sign-up process will begin in January, so please take a look at your scholar's report card to determine if they should sign up. We have also attached an electronic copy of the flyer to this letter.

- Returning to Face to Face Instruction**

In November, parents had the choice to make a selection for their scholar's learning preference for semester 2. Students who are digital learners who will become Face-to-Face learners this spring (on January 7<sup>th</sup>) will receive an email with detailed instruction about returning to school. The health guidelines that students need to follow, daily schedule, plan for meals during the day, and transportation procedures will be outlined in the Return to In Person Instruction plan. If Face to Face scholars are changing to digital instruction, they need to make sure that they have access to a device that they can use for the full length of the school day without interruption. If a family is having trouble with getting access to internet, or with obtaining a device for their digital learner to use, they should contact Lilburn Middle School at (770) 921-1776

- Schedule Change**

To ensure that scholars have a designated time to receive academic support in all content classes, Lilburn Middle School will modify its schedule to include an Extended Learning Time (ELT) after homeroom. All scholars (Digital and Face to Face) will follow an adjusted schedule during second semester. Please review the below schedule and be aware that it will take effect on January 7<sup>th</sup> when students return to class.

Weekly Schedule 2020-2021 EXTENDED LEARNING TIME - Rev 11/19/20							
6th Grade		7th Grade		8th Grade		Connections	
8:30-8:50	Office Hours	8:30-8:50	Office Hours	8:30-8:50	Office Hours	8:30-8:50	Office Hours
8:50-9:15	Homeroom	8:50-9:15	Homeroom	8:50-9:15	Homeroom	8:50-9:15	Morning Duty
9:15-9:55	ELT (40 Minutes)	9:15-9:55	ELT (40 Minutes)	9:15-9:55	ELT (40 Minutes)	9:15-9:55	Academic Support
9:55-10:00	Device Break/TT	9:55-10:05	Connections Transition	9:55-10:00	Device Break/TT	9:55-10:05	Connections Transition
10:00-11:10	Academic 1/RR	10:05-11:05	Connections/Planning	10:00-10:55	Academic 1	10:05-11:05	7th Connection
11:10-11:15	Device Break/TT	11:05-11:15	Connections Return	10:55-11:00	Device Break/TT	11:05-11:15	Connections Return
11:15-12:10	Academic 2	11:15-12:25	Academic 1/RR	11:00-12:30	Academic 2/Lunch/RR	11:15-12:30	Planning/Lunch
12:10-12:15	Device Break/TT	12:25-12:30	Transition/Device Break	11:00-11:30	Lunch	12:30-12:40	Connections Transition
12:15-1:45	Academic 3/Lunch/RR	12:30-2:00	Academic 2/Lunch/RR	12:30-12:40	Connections Transition	12:40-1:40	8th Connections
12:45-1:15	Lunch	1:25-2:00	Lunch	12:40-1:40	Connection/Planning	1:40-1:50	Connections Return
1:45-1:50	Device Break/TT	2:00-2:05	Transition/Device Break	1:40-1:50	Connections Return	1:50-2:45	Planning
1:50-2:45	Academic 4 (RR Break)	2:05-3:00	Academic 3	1:50-3:00	Academic 3 (RR Break)	2:45-3:00	Connections Transition
2:45-3:00	Connections Transition	3:00-3:05	Transition/Device Break	3:00-3:05	Device Break/TT	3:00-4:05	6th Connections
3:00-4:05	Connections/Planning	3:05-4:05	Academic 4	3:05-4:05	Academic 4	4:05-4:30	Dismissal
4:05-4:30	Dismissal	4:05-4:30	Dismissal	4:05-4:30	Dismissal		