

Dear Prairie Families,

I am writing to follow up with a change in our plans for the remainder of the semester. The whole school will learn remotely for the first week of December with online classes starting on Tuesday, December 1st. We plan to return to in-person classes on campus on Monday, December 7th.

We have made this adjustment because of the risk posed by holiday gatherings, as well as the alarming rise in [cases](#) and [test positivity rates](#) in Racine, Kenosha, and Milwaukee counties, well beyond the CDC's highest risk level. **We ask that each family strictly quarantines from November 28 through December 7th to prepare for a safe return to school.**

All students will have daily synchronous and asynchronous instruction and assignments. We have also modified the remote schedules for Middle and Upper School, located at the end of this email. More information will follow from your classroom teachers and division offices.

To keep our school community safe and give us the most accurate information to guide our decisions, **it is crucial that you inform the Health Office and your child's division office if any person in your home is being tested for COVID-19 or is quarantined from close contact, even while we are on break or learning remotely.**

At Prairie, we currently have two active cases, both in the Upper School, and we are awaiting test results for seven students. So far this year, we have seen positive tests from: two Early School students, one Primary School student, two Middle School students, eight Upper School students, and four faculty members. We will not be emailing everyone during break or while learning remotely with individual positive tests; please continue to reference The *Weekly* for our complete COVID-19 Dashboard. It is possible that each division will have a different plan moving forward depending on the student and faculty COVID situation in those grades.

While remote is not our ideal modality, the faculty spent the summer training and preparing for a shift to remote instruction and I am confident that our students will have a dynamic and effective learning experience to keep them on track and moving forward. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's advisor, teacher, or division office with questions.

Looking ahead to December 7th, please remember that attending school in person increases our children's risks, and we need to balance that opportunity by reducing their chances of exposure in every other aspect of their lives, including holiday gatherings. Georgia Tech University has produced [an interesting tool](#) to help your family calculate the risk involved with gatherings of ten or more people.

Please be extremely cautious celebrating Thanksgiving. Approximately 40% of people infected with COVID-19 are not showing symptoms and are unwittingly transmitting it to friends and family with occasionally dire and even fatal consequences. Each of our individual actions impacts the whole school. If we are all able to keep our circles small and avoid large indoor

Thanksgiving activities, meals, and celebrations, we increase the likelihood of avoiding the predicted widespread outbreak in December, and give ourselves a better chance to finish the semester in person.

I hope you all have a safe Thanksgiving and take care of each other.

TPS MIDDLE SCHOOL REMOTE SCHEDULE	E	F
8:30-10:05	Period 1/2 8:30-9:15 online teaching 9:15-10:05 office hours/asynchronous work	Period 1/2 8:30-9:15 online teaching 9:15-10:05 office hours/asynchronous work
10:05-10:15	MM - Google Meet 5th and 6th Grades	MM - Google Meet 7th and 8th Grades
10:15-10:20	Break	Break
10:20-11:55	Period 4/6 10:20-11:05 online teaching 11:05-11:55 office hours/asynchronous work	Period 4/6 10:20-11:05 online teaching 11:05-11:55 office hours/asynchronous work
11:55-12:40	Lunch (on own)	Lunch (on own)
12:40-2:10	Period 7/8 12:40-1:25 online teaching 1:25-2:05 office hours/asynchronous work	Period 7/8 12:40-1:25 online teaching 1:25-2:05 office hours/asynchronous work
2:10-2:15	Break	Break
2:15-3:45	Period 9/10 2:10-2:55 online teaching 2:55-3:45 office hours/asynchronous work	Period 9/10 - FLEX Check in with advisor - How am I doing academically and emotionally? Engagement Rubric - Social/Emotional Self Assessment

TPS UPPER SCHOOL REMOTE SCHEDULE	E	F
8:30-10:05	Period 1 8:30-9:15 online teaching 9:15-10:05 off screen work/ office hour	Period 2 8:30-9:15 online teaching 9:15-10:05 off screen work/ office hour
10:05-10:15 Tuesdays & Thursdays	MM - Zoom	MM - Zoom
10:15-10:20	Break	Break

10:20-11:55	Period 4 10:20-11:05 online teaching 11:05-11:55 off screen work/ office hour	Period 5 10:20-11:05 online teaching 11:05-11:55 off screen work/ office hour
11:55-12:40	Lunch (on own, no advisory)	Lunch (on own, no advisory)
12:40-2:10	Period 7 12:40-1:25 online teaching 1:25-2:05 off screen work/ office hour	Period 10 12:40-1:25 online teaching 1:25-2:05 off screen work/ office hour
2:10-2:15	Break	Break
2:15-3:45	Period 9 2:10-2:55 online teaching 2:55-3:45 off screen work/ office hour	Period 8 - FLEX Mandatory advisory check-in for the first 10 minutes, and office hours for teachers for the remainder of the period.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nat Coffman
President & Head of School