

## **Scarsdale Middle School - Phased-in Start**

### **Scarsdale Middle School: In-Person**

The start of the school year is a time of transition away from the ease of summer into the engagement of school. The first weeks of school are about connection and relationship building amongst students and teachers. This is a natural cycle, but in a time requiring heightened health/safety protocols, there are challenges that must be addressed so student learning and growth can be promoted.

### **Teaching and Learning Benefits - Personal Relationship Building (PRB):**

This is essential to the success of our students. Students need to feel known and valued by their teachers. This plan allows for this relationship building to take place in a way that is meaningful and purposeful:

- Foundations of social/emotional comfort lead to academic success later.
- Middle school students are encouraged to take academic risks as they learn and grow. As teachers to get to know their students and vice versa, work and feedback work in tandem to become more meaningful, enriching experiences.
- Establishing new norms and procedures.
- The need to acclimate to a large school environment changed by the requirements of social distancing, the need to become familiar and comfortable with procedures that promote the health and safety of all the building occupants.

### **September 10th: Virtual Orientation**

- Welcome message: opening “assemblies”
- Classroom tours, new safety procedures/videos and expectations when entering the building
- Getting to know you activities - possibilities include:
  - Posting pictures to flipgrid (or other platform) of students masked and unmasked; a picture of you from over the summer or that day practicing proper social distancing and safety guidelines while also having fun and connecting with others

### **September 11th: Virtual Orientation (continued)**

- Meet the teachers (with schedule).
  - Review class procedures & upcoming virtual learning experiences
- Relationship-building

### **September 14th:**

- 6th grade Cohort A in-person orientation (full-day)
  - Building tours, getting to know you activities, safety procedures

- 6th grade Cohort B virtual orientation - asynchronous learning experiences
- 7th and 8th grade: PRB 8-period virtual schedule

**September 15th:**

- 6th grade Cohort B in-person orientation (full-day)
  - Building tours, getting to know you activities, safety procedures
- 6th grade Cohort A virtual orientation - asynchronous learning experiences
- 7th and 8th grade: PRB 8-period virtual schedule

**September 16th:**

- Wednesday Hybrid schedule for all (virtual)
  - Morning: Team Classes (social studies, science, math, English)
  - Afternoon: Center Classes (quarterly, music, physical education, world language)
  - Professional Development time for staff & faculty: Center teachers in the morning, House teachers in the afternoon

**September 17th:**

- 7th & 8th grade Cohort A in-person orientation (full-day)
  - Building tours, getting to know you activities, safety procedures
- 7th & 8th grade Cohort B virtual orientation - asynchronous learning experiences
- 6th grade: PRB 8-period virtual schedule

**September 18th:**

- 7th & 8th grade Cohort B in-person orientation (full-day)
  - Building tours, getting to know you activities, safety procedures
- 7th & 8th grade Cohort A virtual orientation - asynchronous learning experiences
- 6th grade: PRB 8-period virtual schedule

**Scarsdale Middle School: Virtual-Only**

Students who are on the virtual-only instruction will have the opportunity to engage in their cohort's virtual orientation program and class experiences. They will be able to meet with their teachers and classmates through the virtual platform.