



Monmouth Academy

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Yes, it is chilly out today, but spring will certainly be in the air this weekend and next week! Thank you for your assistance and support throughout this unprecedented school year. Like me, my guess is that many of you have grown weary of the ongoing pandemic. In addition, I imagine the daily grind of supporting your young adult's attendance at school, academic progress, and everything else that comes with being a parent may find you exhausted.

With four weeks remaining prior to April vacation and approximately six weeks of school remaining after April break, it is imperative that students remain engaged in their learning and put forth their best effort. We are proud of our students' efforts and adherence to our health and safety protocols; however, maintaining focus during the spring is always challenging, even during "normal" times.

At this time, we really need your assistance in the following areas so that we can better engage your young adult:

1. Students may not choose to attend remotely when they are scheduled to attend MA in-person: Teachers intentionally plan a variety of learning experiences based on students' individual schedules; thus, when students who are scheduled to be in-person, it greatly affects not only teachers' lesson plans but also that student's learning.

- Only parents/guardians may communicate that their student needs to attend remotely due to illness (not the student). If students have symptoms on the Covid-19 screener, they can attend remotely; however, that is the **only** reason.
- Students who are scheduled to attend in-person are expected to attend in-person. Beginning Monday, March 22, students who do not attend in-person as scheduled will be marked as absent unexcused and will not be able to join the live Google Meet.
- Students who are marked as unexcused may not attend co and extracurricular activities and athletics. (as stated in the [MA Student-Parent Handbook](#)).

2. Please remind your young adult that when they attend on their scheduled remote days they are expected to attend their classes on time and stay engaged the entire class period (M,T, TH, F). Joining class late disrupts the learning process for the entire class. Teachers have noticed a greater number of students logging into their classes, but are not present. Failure to attend remote classes for the full period will be documented as an unexcused absence.

3. Wednesday Schedule. Students are required to attend academic assistance sessions as requested by their teacher (s). Parents/guardians receive this schedule via email each Tuesday evening. Failure to attend will result in an unexcused absence. All students are expected to attend the 9 a.m. check in (if they are not requested for academic assistance).

4. We Have Room for More In-person Students!: We have room to safely increase the number of students who attend in-person, and **we encourage you** to send your student to M.A. four days per week in-person. If you have transportation, we can accommodate your student. If they require school transportation, we need to check availability on our busses since due to distancing requirements. **If you would like your student to attend four days per week, please contact Sarah Knowlton, School Counselor, at sknowlton@kidsrsu.org or 933-4416 extension 7203.**

Even if your young adult has attended M.A. fully remotely this year, we encourage them to reintegrate into in-person learning.

Brighter days are ahead everyone! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at ramero@kidsrsu.org or 933-4416 extension 7225.

Sincerely,

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Principal