

Parkland Magnet Middle School

Frequently Asked Questions by Our Parent Community



Questions	Answers
When can we pick up our student's materials from school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6th Grade Families - Wednesday, August 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8:30 am – 12:00 pm ○ 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm ● 7th Grade Families - Thursday, August 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10:30 am – 12:30 pm ○ 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm ● 8th Grade Families - Friday, August 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8:30 am – 12:00 pm ○ 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
What materials will be distributed on distribution days?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● English Workbooks ● Math Workbook ● Math Resources (Graph Paper, Rulers, etc) ● Parkland Student Welcome Back Gift ● Agenda Planner (Optional - printable version will also be made available) ● Music and/or Art Materials (if enrolled in the class) ● Yearbooks (if pre-ordered last year)
Can my student also pick up their yearbook from last year during material pick up?	Yes, if students pre-ordered last year they will be able to pick it up on their distribution day.
Is it required for me to pick up student materials?	Yes, students will need these materials to complete their classes.
If I am not able to pick up materials on the assigned distribution day, what can I do?	If you are not able to pick up on your assigned day you may come on a different distribution day or email your administrator to set up an appointment.
I have students in more than one grade. Do I need to come on each distribution day?	No you do not. You can come on any distribution day to pick up all of your Parkland students' materials.
If students have their own device do they have to get a Chromebook?	If students have their own devices that have a working camera and microphone they do not need to pick up a school chromebook.
Do I have to return my student's Chromebook to where we picked it up?	Students can return or exchange their Chromebook at Parkland. It does not matter which school the Chromebook was originally from.
Are students required to show their	The expectation is that students will have their cameras on during live

faces on Zoom?	instruction as it helps to connect students with their teacher and peers. However, if there is a special circumstance or concern, please communicate with the classroom teacher and/or administrator..
How will students be graded?	Students will be graded with the traditional letter grade format before the spring.
Does MCPS have a contingency plan for Zoom?	If there is an issue with Zoom that impacts Montgomery County, a message will be shared centrally by MCPS with families.
Will middle school students be receiving touch screen Chromebooks?	As of right now, only elementary school students will be receiving touch screen Chromebooks.
When will my student receive their schedule?	The schedule will be available on Synergy (Parent & Student VUE) on Wednesday, August 26th. Students will be able to login using their login & password (same as last year). There is a button to Synergy on MyMCPS Classroom that students can use to connect to their StudentVUE account.
How do parents get access to Synergy?	Parents began receiving their account information and registration directions via mail and/or email last Friday from MCPS. Please click HERE to register for Synergy Parent Seminars provided by MCPS if you would like to learn more.
Are summer packets optional or will they be graded?	Summer packets are optional and will not be graded in the fall semester.
Will my student need to log into every class? Everyday?	Whenever there is live instruction scheduled, the expectation is that students will attend their classes. However, please contact your administrator if there are extending circumstances that do not allow for this and we will work with you.
Does MCPS have a dedicated Zoom resource?	All parent resources can be found at https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/parents/
Will students have different passwords than last year?	Students will have the same passwords as they did the previous year.
Who do we contact for student passwords and log in information?	Please contact Mr. Adam Striegel, our media specialist, or any one of our administrators.
If I need to change or update my contact information, who do I contact?	New this year! You will be able to update your own information on Synergy.
How do I join the PTA?	The PTSA website is linked on the Parkland Website (it is the last tab on the red banner at the top of the screen). You can also click HERE to go to the PTSA page directly.
Will we be doing even and odd days?	Parkland will run on an even and odd day schedule. The first day of school (August 31st) will be an odd day.

How are new students going to get to know each other?	Our teachers are working hard to ensure instruction is interactive and engaging, allowing students to work collaboratively with each other both in and outside the classroom in order to build a classroom community and learn from each other. A few examples include: icebreakers, share outs, chat, use of Nearpod and other interactive instructional technology tools, Throughout the year, we will also hold Parkland virtual events that students can participate in to meet and interact with their peers and friends. Last spring, we had Virtual Trivia and Movie Nights for example.
Will all teachers be using the same platforms?	All virtual classrooms will be using MyMCPS as their platform.
Will there be breakout groups during Zoom sessions?	Yes, break out rooms will be used during live instruction.
Will counselors be available for our students?	All student counselors will be available for students.
Are counselors available for support for the families?	Parents may reach out to the counseling department and Linkages to Learning for additional family support.
Will there be clubs this year?	Yes, more information will be forthcoming once the school year gets underway.
Will there be sports this year?	Yes, more information will be forthcoming once the school year gets underway.
How do I communicate with my student's teacher?	The best way to communicate with your students' teacher is by email.
What is ParentVue?	It is the information platform where parents can view student schedules, grades, and update contact information. This is replacing Parent Portal.
How do we log onto ParentVue?	Parents began receiving their account information and registration directions via mail and/or email last Friday from MCPS. Please note Synergy & Parent/Student View are the same thing.
Will classes be recorded and posted for students to watch at another times?	Yes, more information will be shared once students begin the school year by individual classroom teachers.
How long will the recorded lessons be posted for?	Recorded lessons will be deleted after 3 days.
What if my child cannot attend a live session?	Please contact the teacher to notify them of your student's absence and ask the teacher for information on where to find the recorded session.
Is the class from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. required?	Yes, attendance will be taken each period, including the last block.
How do I find my students ID	Students typically know their ID number because it is the start of their

number?	MCPS email address (@mcpsmd.net). If they forgot, or are new to MCPS and do not have it, please contact an administrator
How will my student access library books?	Students can check out E-books through the Parkland Media Center. You can click HERE also to go to the page directly.
How will my student get their WIDA score?	Students and parents can get their WIDA score from their ESOL or Mrs. Robinson Andrea_H_Robinson-Tejada@mcpsmd.org
How will SSL hours work?	Information on SSL hours can be found at https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/