



Dear International School Families,

This is it! We start real classes on Monday. I can't tell you how excited the teachers are. They have made you [another fun video](#) to watch this weekend.

### **Plan for week 1:**

- ECE will continue with their curriculum and pacing using Zoom.
- Lower School will hold classes exclusively in English and Math.
- Middle school (grades 6 & 7) will hold classes in English, Math, Science and Social Studies
- High school (& grade 8) will hold classes in all academic subjects, the above plus World Languages

This means that French and Spanish teachers will only teach grades 8-12 during the first week.

Also, Music, Art, PE classes will not start week one. At the end of the week, we will assess if we want to start them week 2 or hold off one more week. I know the teachers, especially PE, are itching to start. We are just trying to be very careful about gauging students' abilities to engage. PE may start with short physical activities or ideas for students to move. It will be a good way to get a break from classes, TV, phones, and tablets.

The above decisions are based on student age levels and technical skills as well as giving teachers time to connect with students as they set up classes, communicate expectations, and become comfortable with this new forum.

### **Expectations of Students:**

- Join the class on time
- Be prepared—complete assignments, have books, notebooks, etc. ready
- Dress appropriately, as if you were in school
- Your appearance is important—we expect well-groomed students
- Sit at a table or desk—posture will influence your attitude

During this time, as we transition to distance learning, we must have accurate contact information for all our families. To expedite this process and ensure that ALL families receive our communications promptly we ask that you complete [this contact information form](#) even if you have been receiving emails from school.

Please review the details of the Governor's Shelter-In-Place order as of today, March 27, 2020 at [the state of Minnesota's website](#).

Best Regards,

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