

12/16/20 Lower School Second Semester Decision

Dear On-Campus Lower School Families,

We write today in anticipation of the semester change on January 26, 2021. It has been a true gift to be able to be on campus with children, and we are grateful for the time we have had on campus together. That said, we recognize families might be mindful of COVID trends in the area and are considering a switch to fully virtual only programming.

Virtual learning follows the same scope and sequence as on campus. Classes follow the same routines and curriculum, and all teachers – on campus and virtual – meet frequently to plan and ensure equitable experiences for students in both programs. Because the virtual program does not need to take into account the time spent on transitions and routines, the day begins at

8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

If you are considering a change from on-campus learning to the fully virtual only program, please indicate that choice by completing [the survey](#). We ask that the survey be completed by **Thursday, December 17, 2020**. *Please note this is not yet a commitment to switching programs but rather is an assessment of family needs at this particular time.*

Should you want your child to switch to the virtual program, we will follow up individually to ensure a successful transition.

If you would like to have your child **remain in the on-campus** program from January 26 through June 11, 2021, please complete the survey as well.

Thank you,

Kim Lewis, Susan Abramson, and Julia Calantone

An IMPORTANT Note about HYBRID Learning:

Please note there is not an option for hybrid learning. Hybrid learning is distinct from the virtual program. Hybrid is a short-term solution for on-campus students when circumstances require the student to stay home for health and safety reasons. Hybrid learning does not provide the full experience of either on-campus or a fully virtual program and is meant to be used sparingly and only when necessary.

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