



Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Dear BMS Families,

We have been considering the possibility of using Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week as a transition into our fall Thanksgiving break - a time set aside for rest, recovery, rejuvenation, family, etc. - with no teaching or learning expectations attached.

Last night, I presented this idea to the board, and it was met with positive approval. That being said, students and staff would have Monday through Wednesday of next week OFF in addition to our regular scheduled Thanksgiving break - somewhat of an elongated fall break after safely staying the course, being a vital part of our flexible, adaptive team, and simply doing an amazing job all around with us through this increasingly challenging season.

Additionally, considering a few unforeseen circumstances that now significantly impact classroom coverage and general logistics toward the end of this week, we have also decided with board approval to include Friday as a part of our elongated fall break... There will be no distance teaching or learning expectations; however, if any secondary teachers planned to have any tests on Friday, those teachers may coordinate with students and families ahead of time to have that happen in an alternate format.

At this point, **Thanksgiving vacation is now: Friday, November 20 - Tuesday, December 1 (returning Wednesday, December 2 ideally in-person**, at which point we will take a look at where we stand with folks coming off of various types of quarantines, assessing our data, needs, and so forth).

The office will remain open during regular hours on Friday, Monday, and Tuesday.

Thank you,
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