



# CANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CANTON HIGH SCHOOL

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To the Families of Canton Middle School and Canton High School:

First, we would like to thank you for your continued support and patience during the first weeks of school. The entire team of teachers, administrators, and staff has been working tirelessly during that time towards a singular goal: providing your students with an excellent education in a safe environment.

Thanks to the support and efforts of all members of our school community, we have succeeded in that regard. The Blended Learning Model that was adopted for the opening weeks of school allowed for the establishment of practices and procedures that adhere to health guidelines and engage all learners. Given that health metrics in our schools and surrounding areas continue to be promising, we are pleased to move forward with the plan to have **all students** report for in-person learning beginning Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

An important note: families who selected “voluntary distance learning” for their students may continue to do so after October 13th with no action. If a family wishes to change their status (to opt-in or opt-out of in-school learning), the process remains the same: please contact either Mr. Moore for CMS students or Dr. Kidwell for CHS students to begin that process.

## Defining “All”

The cohort your student was assigned (A or B) at the start of the year no longer determines the days they report to school. From October 13th forward, all students, both Cohort A and Cohort B, will report to school any day that in-person learning is scheduled.

As noted above, students continuing in full-time distance learning may continue to do so, but they must log in live to their classes every day.

## Overall Approach

After October 13th, we will continue to utilize our block scheduling rotation (maroon/gray for CMS and odd/even for CHS). On Wednesdays, all periods will meet as has been the practice since the beginning of the school year. Weeks with only four days of school will follow the odd/even rotation and drop the “straight” day.

Below is an example of a typical 5-day week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CHS: Odd Day CMS: Maroon Day	CHS: Even Day CMS: Gray Day	CHS: Straight 8 CMS: Straight 7	CHS: Odd Day CMS: Maroon Day	CHS: Even Day CMS: Gray Day
Four block periods	Four block periods	All periods meet	Four block periods	Four block periods

**Phase-In**

As we prepare to bring all of our students back together on October 13, we are aware that for many students, staff, and families this comes with both excitement and some initial concerns. We are therefore planning two phases of implementation between October 13 and December 23. This will allow us to ensure our planning and processes are effective, give us the opportunity to reflect and gain feedback, and provide a sense of consistency and support for students and staff. This phase-in would provide a transition period after merging both cohorts, allowing for any needed adjustments to resources, processes, or instruction. It will also provide extra time for teachers to connect with all-remote learners during this transition to a quite rigorous and demanding at-home learning schedule.

**Phase One - Block Schedule with Distance Learning Wednesdays (October 13-November 6)**

During the month of October, students (from both cohorts) will report to school for in-person instruction on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, following the block rotation. Wednesdays will remain “all remote” distance learning days, with students at home and all classes meeting via Google Meet with the existing Distance Wednesday schedule.

Note the following variations during irregular weeks:

- The week of 10/12 has no all remote day given the 4-day week
- 11/4 will be a remote/distance learning day, but following a full-day block schedule

Canton High School / Canton Middle School				
Master Calendar - Phase I				
All Students in Attendance				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Oct 12</b> Columbus/ Indiginous People Day No School	<b>Oct 13</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Oct 14</b> Full Day in School Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS	<b>Oct 15</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Oct 16</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS
<b>Oct 19</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Oct 20</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS	<b>Oct 21</b> Remote/Distance Learning Periods 1 - 8 CHS CMS A - G	<b>Oct 22</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Oct 23</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS
<b>Oct 26</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Oct 27</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS	<b>Oct 28</b> Remote/Distance Learning Periods 1 - 8 CHS CMS A - G	<b>Oct 29</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Oct 30</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS
<b>Nov 2</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Nov 3</b> Election Day No School for Students Prof Dev for Staff	<b>Nov 4</b> Remote/Distance Learning Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS	<b>Nov 5</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Nov 6</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS

**Phase Two - Block Schedule with Half-Day In-Person Wednesdays (November 9-December 23)**

During the month of November and December, students will report to school for in-person instruction **all five days of the week. Wednesdays will be half days**, with all classes meeting. Students will not have the opportunity to eat lunch during the scheduled day. Students may pick up their lunch at the end of the day. A specific bell schedule will be forthcoming. We will assess our schedule at that time to determine the schedule following the December break.

<b>Canton High School / Canton Middle School</b>				
<b>Master Calendar - Phase II</b>				
<b>All Students in Attendance</b>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Nov 9</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Nov 10</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS	<b>Nov 11</b> <b>Half Day In School</b> Periods 1 - 8 CHS CMS A - G	<b>Nov 12</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Nov 13</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS
<b>Nov 16</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Nov 17</b> <b>Half Day In School</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS	<b>Nov 18</b> <b>Half Day In School</b> Periods 1 - 8 CHS CMS A - G	<b>Nov 19</b> <b>Half Day In School</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Nov 20</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS
<b>Nov 23</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Nov 24</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS	<b>Nov 25</b> <b>Half Day In School</b> Periods 1 - 8 CHS CMS A - G	<b>Nov 26</b> No School Thanksgiving Recess	<b>Nov 27</b> No School Thanksgiving Recess
<b>Nov 30</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Dec 1</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS	<b>Dec 2</b> <b>Half Day In School</b> Periods 1 - 8 CHS CMS A - G	<b>Dec 3</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Dec 4</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS
<b>Dec 7</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Dec 8</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS	<b>Dec 9</b> <b>Half Day In School</b> Periods 1 - 8 CHS CMS A - G	<b>Dec 10</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Dec 11</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS
<b>Dec 14</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Dec 15</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS	<b>Dec 16</b> <b>Half Day In School</b> Periods 1 - 8 CHS CMS A - G	<b>Dec 17</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Dec 18</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS
<b>Dec 21</b> Odd Day CHS Maroon Day CMS	<b>Dec 22</b> Even Day CHS Grey Day CMS	<b>Dec 23</b> <b>Half Day In School</b> Periods 1 - 8 CHS CMS A - G	<b>Dec 24</b> No School Holiday Recess	<b>Dec 25</b> No School Holiday Recess

As our overall goal is for students to come back to a safe, consistent, and engaging school environment, we feel confident in our ability to continue to build upon the success we've had at the start of the year. We believe this approach allows us to support all learners as we forge ahead through unprecedented times. It allows us to continue to meet the educational and safety needs of both remote and in-person students. It is also a model that can remain consistent and be utilized during any potential school closure where we may need to go to a remote learning model.

We appreciate your support and cooperation as we enter this next phase of the school year. We encourage you to save this email or print it out. Please be on the lookout for additional communication regarding safety protocols and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Be well and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Drew DiPippo  
Principal  
Canton High School

Ruth Kidwell  
Assistant Principal  
Canton High School

Jeff Moore  
Principal  
Canton Middle School