

A Message From the Middle School Principal

Dear Middle School Families,

It was great to see so many of you at our Town Hall meeting last week! Personally, I'm really excited for school to start, as I feel confident in our plan to return. Some points that came to my attention since the meeting that I wanted to clarify:

- 1) Several parents asked me if Middle School students will have Chromebooks provided for them by the school. We will not be providing Chromebooks for our students, though we will still have use of our five Chromebook carts, which will be divided by grade/cohort. During remote learning, I imagine many of you had devices used by your children for their Zoom schedules; if your child would prefer to bring his or her own computer to school in lieu of using ours, I am happy to encourage that, as it helps limit shared devices, even within a cohort.
- 2) I'd like to remind everyone that lockers will not be in use this year; students will hang up coats on hooks in their first-period classrooms. They will be carrying their bags with their school supplies throughout the day. Textbooks will be left at home to minimize the weight of the backpacks, and as we familiarize ourselves with our schedule, I imagine we may be able to set aside space in each room with student materials specific to the students and subject taught in that room.
- 3) Once all rooms are physically arranged in preparation for our students, we'll be sending out videos giving families a tour of our students' new mini-worlds so as to familiarize themselves with our renovated space and where each specific grade will live.

Enjoy the rest of summer!

Warmly, Ariel Levenson