



Modesto Christian High School

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Dear Parents and Students,

We are pleased to inform you the middle/high school are planning to return to campus in the coming weeks. We firmly believe students perform stronger academically when on campus engaging with their teachers and peers, and contributing to the spirit of the middle school and high school campuses.

Beginning November 9, students will have two choices for their education for the remainder of the semester. The middle/high school is offering the On-Campus "Live" Instruction Program and the Independent Study Program (the Distance Learning Program will be phased out by November 9, but will be restored due to Covid-19 if necessary).

Option #1 On-Campus "Live" Instruction Program

The On-Campus "Live" Instruction Program welcomes students to campus as they will move from class to class for instruction. Students will follow the **Modified Block Schedule 2020-21** beginning November 9. This bell schedule is attached to this letter.

We are encouraged to see an increased number of students on campus. MCS will continue to follow the COVID-19 and our **Safe School Reopening Plan** to ensure the safety for all students. The Safe School Reopening Plan (SSRP) is a "living" document and newly revised. The SSRP is available for your review on our school website.

Option #2 Off-Campus Independent Study Program

The Off-Campus Independent Study Program is available for students who are considered international students (residing in their home country) and for students with extensive medical concerns in their home and need the Independent Study Program as a protective measure.

The Independent Program general guidelines are outlined in the Independent Study Program FAQ and are attached to this parent letter for your reference. To apply for this program, read the FAQ, review and sign the contract and be informed of the following:

1. The student must register for the Independent Study Program no later than Monday, November 2, with our school Counselor, Ms. Reyes. You may reach her at alyda.reyes@modestochristian.org,
2. The **Transition Approval Form** must be completed if a student is currently in the On-Campus "Live" Instruction Program and desires for medical reasons to transition to the Independent Study Program. We will follow the same process using the Transition Approval Form if the student desires to return to "Live" instruction. The form is available from Mrs. Reyes.
3. Daily Assignments will continue to be available via Google Classroom.
4. The student will make arrangements to meet individually, via Google Meets or Zoom, with his/her teachers on a weekly basis to address any questions, turn-in homework and make arrangements for quizzes and tests.

Extracurricular Activities/Athletics

We anticipate student athletes participating in after school conditioning beginning Monday, December 7. **Please know that only students currently in the On-Campus "Live" Instruction program may participate in after school athletics and other extracurricular activities. Due to strict COVID guidelines, regrettably students in the ISP may not participate in after school sports or extracurricular activities.** In a normal school year, ISP students are able to participate in extracurricular activities.

Our offices are available to address any questions and or concerns you may have regarding this transition. Please contact the MCS Middle/High school office at 209-529-5510.

Building for the Future,
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