

WELSH VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

325 Tower Lane East * Narberth, PA 19072 * www.lmsd.org

Dear Welsh Valley Families,

Thank you for your continued cooperation during this challenging time. While we would prefer to have your children, our students, with us for a typical school experience, we are faced with the challenge of continuing their education through an extended statewide school closure. You have received notice about the District’s plans to support student learning beginning on Wednesday, March 18th. We had planned for professional learning for our staff focusing on distance learning last week, but those plans were impacted by the school closures. While the current situation is unprecedented for students and staff in the Lower Merion School District, we are working diligently to prepare meaningful distance learning experiences for students.

While the continuation of learning is important, please know that we feel strongly that the safety, health, and welfare of our students, staff, and families comes first. Everyone is experiencing their own unique challenges. Child care, home situations, and availability will vary for all -- students and staff included. This is a time for all of us to practice flexibility and empathy. Understanding that this is new and challenging for everyone is essential.

Students will begin to hear from teachers directly via school district email and Blackboard. Expectations for work and two-way communication will be provided by your child’s individual teachers. This work is designed to support students with maintenance of prior learning and also to help provide a sense of normalcy and routine for students and families. Please be assured, designs are intended to be flexible. Please communicate with your child’s teacher if there is any difficulty. If there are circumstances that prevent your child from engaging in the work being requested, please let us know.

For your questions related to:

- Curriculum – Please connect with your child’s teacher.
- Student issues - Please connect with your child’s counselor.
- Athletics, events, clubs, and activities – Please connect with your coach/sponsor or Mr. Scott (Athletic Director).

Additionally, teachers will begin communicating their online availability through “Office Hours.” The goal of “Office Hours” is to provide specific windows of time during which teachers are able to facilitate communication with families and support students. Administrators, school counselors, and other staff are also available via email should you have questions.

Please see the schedule for Office Hours below for each department:

School Day	8:00 – 10:00 AM	10:00 – 12:00 PM	12:30 – 2:30 PM
A and C Day	Math	Social Studies	World Language Special Education
B and D Day	English	Science	Unified Arts Counselors

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 16 th -20 th	16 th – D Day	17 th – A Day	18 th – B Day	19 th – C Day	20 th – D Day
March 23 rd - 27 th	23 rd – A Day	24 th – B Day	25 th – C Day	26 th – D Day	27 th – A Day

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We thank you for your partnership as we remain committed to supporting students and their learning.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hall
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Welsh Valley Middle School