

Dear Middle School Parents,

I hope you had a great weekend. We wanted to send a couple of Middle School specific announcements on things to be aware of in the coming weeks.

The first is in regards to the trip to Ashokan which was cancelled for the 6th, 7th and 8th grade. We are beginning to process refunds for any monies paid and you should be receiving those payments within the next couple of weeks. Any late fees charged through Smart Tuition will also be waived. As you are aware, we hope to rebook this trip in the fall for the rising 6th, 7th and 8th grades. At that point, we will redo the registration and payment. In the meantime, the staff at Ashokan will be making some of their workshops available virtually. We thank them for this generous offer. Please stay tuned for more information. As the school year progresses, we will keep you posted on any other refunds that may be forthcoming due to subsequent cancellations.

As we enter week 4 of Distance Learning, we also wanted to let the Middle School students know that going forward, we intend to follow as close to a regular school schedule as possible. This means that unless other plans are indicated by the teacher or administration, all students should plan on meeting during their regular times. We are beginning to take regular attendance by class, in addition to the daily attendance that is normally taken each morning. Each class meets for 20-40 minutes depending on the nature of the lesson and will continue to be facilitated with the use of Google Classroom/Google Meet. If your child is sick and cannot participate for the day, please be sure to contact [Myrian.Touma@bridgesli.org](mailto:Myrian.Touma@bridgesli.org).

Next week, Middle School teachers will hold virtual office hours in order to provide any necessary extra help or guidance for the students. We are encouraging all students to use this time to catch up on material that has been presented over the past 4 weeks including any long term assignments that may be in process. In some cases, the teachers, including specialists, may also invite individual students for these sessions depending on their progress made to date. Please be on the lookout for the schedule that is being formulated for April 13-16th and let us know if you have any questions.

Wishing you a great week,

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