

January 14, 2022

Dear BTW Magnet Parents and Guardians:

We extend our sincere appreciation to you for your support as we transition to remote learning for one week per Montgomery Public Schools. Based on our faculty's assessment of individual and collective student needs and parent/student feedback during previous remote learning periods, we have developed a learning schedule for January 18-21 with respect for students' screen time, potential interruptions, and their need to process and analyze information to achieve mastery.

**January 18-21 Instructional Schedule (Follow the Blue/Gold Schedule Dates 1/18-1/21.)**

<b>8 a.m. -12 p.m.</b>	<b>Teacher-Facilitated Learning</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Period/5 <sup>th</sup> Period	8 a.m.-8:55 a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period/6 <sup>th</sup> Period	9 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period/7 <sup>th</sup> Period	10 a.m.-10:55 a.m.
4 <sup>th</sup> Period/8 <sup>th</sup> Period	11 a.m.- 11:55 a.m.
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.</b>
<b>Student Work Production</b>	<b>12:20 p.m. – 3 p.m.</b>

Monday, January 17, 2022

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

BLUE DAY

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

GOLD DAY

Thursday, January 20, 2022

BLUE DAY

Friday, January 21, 2022

GOLD DAY

BTW educators will facilitate learning and provide direct instruction via Schoology (supported by other instructional platforms). Students will follow BTW's alternating Blue/Gold Schedule Tuesday-Friday. During this time, students should be focused on instruction, engage actively in class discussions, and refrain from practices that create distractions, such as the nonproductive use of technology devices, including cell phone communication, and poor time-management, not related to technology delays.

**Student-guided work (indirect instruction) begins at 12:20 p.m. to engage students in inquiry-based learning and reflection, work production/rehearsals/performances for magnet specialty areas, and work-flow management if unforeseeable interruptions occur during instruction.**

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It is our hope that employers WILL NOT ask students who have jobs to work during instructional hours. High-school employment is for a season; college and lucrative career readiness is for a lifetime. Next week is not a FREE week but an INSTRUCTIONAL week for our students. We have taken into full consideration that students may be responsible for younger siblings, and our direct and indirect instructional time should support students' success. Chromebooks have already been issued to our students. If you have a technical issue with a device, please contact the school next week, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m., at (334) 269-3617.

Also, as a reminder, we encourage parents to view our MPS website for assistance with technology needs at <https://sites.google.com/mps.k12.al.us/mps-parent-technology/home>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via REMIND or email ([quesha.starks@mps.k12.al.us](mailto:quesha.starks@mps.k12.al.us)) if you have any questions. Let us encourage our students collectively to believe what they have experienced since 2020—although unprecedented and extremely difficult—will build their resilience and ability to achieve “excellence in all things” in high school, college/career, and life. BTW Magnet students always RISE above adversity!

Sincerely,

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