



Inquirer's Journey

Message from Dr. Turner, Principal

Thank you, students, for all the hard work you have been doing. Seeing you online has been great. Parents and families, thank you for all of your hard work and flexibility around technology. We ask for your continued patience. We will have all the bugs around access worked out very soon.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you need anything.



ATTENDANCE

During distance learning, students and families should work together to mark their attendance every day on the Campus app. Attendance must be entered by 11:59 p.m. each day. For more information, visit spps.org/dlattendance.

Español

Durante el aprendizaje a distancia, los estudiantes y familias deben trabajar juntos para marcar su asistencia a diario en la aplicación de Campus. La asistencia debe ser ingresada a diario antes de las 11:59 p.m. Para más información, visite spps.org/dlattendance.

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Calendar

- Monday, September 21 – Thursday, September 24, 8:00-12:00 - Online Live Technology Help
- Tuesday, September 22, 8:00-1:00 – School Supply Pickup at Mays
- Tuesday, September 22, 8:00-1:00 – Technology Support at Mays
- Tuesday, October 6 – Pre-K Family Day (virtual event)
- Thursday, October 15 – Friday, October 16 – NO SCHOOL PreK-12, Teacher Statewide Meetings
- Friday, October 30 – NO SCHOOL PreK-5, Conference Preparation Day

iUPDATE

Back to School iUpdate is now open. Parents and guardians will:

Complete all, annually-required school and district forms including the Technology Use Agreement (for student iPad use), field trip and media permission forms. Add or change primary and/or alternative addresses.

Please complete iUpdate as soon as possible to ensure we have the best contact information for your family.

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CONTACT

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- Technology Services: (651) 603-4348
familysupport@spps.org
- [Benjamin E. Mays IB World School Directory](#) ([link](#))

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

There will be additional opportunities for technology support at Mays the week of September 21-25.

On Site Technology Support – Tuesday, September 22, 8:00am – 1:00pm. Curbside technology help. Drive up to the Yellow/A doors in the bus lane. A staff member will assist you.

Online Technology Support – Monday, September 21 – Thursday, September 24, 8:00am-noon. Join a Technology Support Google Meet through our website spps.org/mays. The link will be posted on the homepage sidebar.

If your iPad is damaged or needs to be replaced please report the issue by emailing or calling Saint Paul Public Schools Technology Services:

- **Email:** familysupport@spps.org
- **Call:** 651-603-4348 from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

SCHOOL SUPPLY PICKUP

Tuesday, September 22, 8:00am-1:00pm. Families who did not pick up school supplies from Mays before school began, can come to the school (560 Concordia Avenue) for a curbside pickup this Tuesday between 8:00am – 1:00pm. Drive up to the Yellow/A doors using the bus lane. A staff member will assist you.

Please note, there is construction on Dale Street. Concordia is temporarily a two-way street in front of the school.

NUTRITION SERVICES

Even in Distance Learning, applications for Free/Reduced priced meals must be completed each school year. School funding is based in part on this important application. Applications were mailed to families during the summer. Online applications can be found [here](#) (find a video with directions [here](#)).

Saint Paul Public Schools will continue delivery of meals to homes during Distance Learning. To enroll in this program, or for more information, follow this [link](#).

MAYS PTA

Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Parents and staff together are a powerful voice for children at Mays.

Thank you to the Parents, staff, and community members who attended our PTA Meeting Tuesday, September 15, 2020. We talked about the new school year and how to support our children in Distance Learning. We celebrated the start of the year and the many things that brings, especially the increased chance for our children to see and interact with their teachers and other students during Distance Learning 2.0. Many expressed the hope to be in-person soon.

Questions were raised regarding:

- attendance in Distance Learning
- academic rigor
- work/school balance
- support for multilingual families
- technology issues
- classroom schedules
- additional academic support for students
- school and district synchronous learning requirements
- office hours for all classroom teachers
- PTA supporting families through a document of parent-to-parent tips
- parents and teachers meeting in a Distance Learning environment

Action discussed:

- communication around attendance expectations
- rigor will increase after the rituals and routines of Distance Learning 2.0 are established
- Mays is invested in ongoing Professional Development for teachers and staff
- seeking the support of multilingual parents as interpreters for PTA events
- Google Meet live support of technology on our website
- posting classroom schedules in a uniform format on the website www.spps.org/Mays
- posting classroom office hours
- creating a tip sheet
- Tutoring opportunities through Google Meet
- events and opportunities to build relationships with families during Distance Learning

