

Dear South Families,

As of this evening, you may access your student's Semester 2 (quarter 3 and 4) schedule through the Aspen Family Portal ("my info" and then "current schedule"). The schedule will tell you the name of the course and the location of the class and whether it is a Full Year (FY), Semester 2 (S2) class or Quarter 3 (Q3) or Quarter 4 (Q4) class. **(However, please note that I will also publish all schedules again next Wednesday, 1/27, as there may be some very minor room adjustments for a small number of classes between now and next week.)**

Please note the following about your student's class location:

- 1. If the class is assigned to any of the following locations, your student's teacher will be teaching **remotely**.**
 - 5140 (field house)
 - 7101 (library)
- 2. For any 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students who have "directed study" in their schedule, know that this is a placeholder for a free block but that you will need to report to the designated space at that time only IF you choose to stay in the building during that block...as we are not able to allow students to roam the halls or go to unstructured places given the current health and safety situation.**
- 3. For any 9th grader who has "directed study" in their schedule, please report to the assigned space on your schedule.**

If your student has a remote teacher, they will go to their assigned location in the school and access the class online. Your student will be with other students in the building in their cohort who are also accessing a remote class during that period.

We know you may have questions about your student's teacher(s) teaching remotely. Whether the teacher is in person or remote, we believe there is tremendous value to be gained by your student coming into the building. We moved forward with implementation of the hybrid model because even if a teacher is teaching remotely, the social and emotional benefits of interacting with peers is extremely valuable for students during this pandemic.

If you have specific questions about your student's schedule, please reach out to their counselor. If you have questions about your student's hybrid learning model, please reach out to your dean. Please visit this webpage for health, safety, and building information:

<https://www.newton.k12.ma.us/Page/3809>

If you would like to request a change to the distance-only learning model before hybrid begins on 1/28, please use this form: [Request to Distance Learning](#).

Even if you have previously reached out to me or one of the deans requesting a change to distance, please still fill out this form as for organization and record keeping purposes, we will now be using it as a repository for ALL requests from this point forward. THE DEADLINE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM IS: MONDAY, JANUARY 25TH AT 4:00PM.

As a reminder, the time/block schedule we began on January 4 will be the schedule students follow when the hybrid model is implemented. We look forward to seeing your students in person soon and we thank you for your patience as we have worked through the logistics of this transition.

Sincerely,

Chris Hardiman
NSHS Interim Vice Principal