

August 5, 2020

Hello One Bright Ray Community Parents and Students,

With much thought over the past 3 months, as to how we return back to school in a safe way for students and staff, we have decided to make several changes to the One Bright Ray accelerated school model for this upcoming school year. We will begin the 2020-2021 academic school year by having 100% of our instruction delivered virtually. Below you will find information regarding our plan to help continue the great education you receive from One Bright Ray.

Health and Safety

Due to the small size of our OBR buildings, classrooms and hallways, we will NOT be having face-to-face instruction to start this academic school year. The safety of our students and staff is our first priority and therefore we have made the following changes.

Virtual Learning

Students will be rostered to an Advisory Group and 3 virtual classes each module. Students must attend all advisory classes and all three 75-minute live virtual classes per day (M-F) via google classroom (all student cameras must be turned on). Each student will be able to earn 1 credit per course for a total of 3 credits per module.

Academic School Calendar

- Module 1: August 24, 2020 to November 20, 2020
- Module 2: November 30, 2020 to March 12, 2021
- Module 3: March 22, 2021 to June 25, 2021
- Summer Session: July 12, 2021 to August 5, 2021 (Credit Recovery ONLY)

Module System

We have changed our module system for this upcoming school year. There will be three modules and one summer session and each module will be 14 weeks, not 8 weeks.

- Week 1: Orientation and Student Professional Development via Advisory Teacher (M-W)
- Week 2-13: Four, 3week, mini projects delivered virtually to students via Google Classroom
- Week 14: Module Break

New Courses or Format Change

- Advisory and Professional Development Program from students
- Gym Course (Cross Campus Offering)
- Health Course (Cross Campus Offering)
- We Love Philly Course (Cross Campus Offering)
- Senior Seminar (Cross Campus Offering)

Bell Schedule (Monday-Thursday)

Students will take three one credit courses per module for a total of nine credits per year.

Period	Timeframe
Advisory (15 mins.)	8:40am - 8:55am
1 st Period	9:00am - 10:15am
Transition (30 mins.)	10:15am - 10:45am
2 nd Period	10:45am - 12:00pm
Lunch Break (1hr.)	12:00pm - 1:00pm
3 rd Period	1:00pm - 2:15pm
End of Day/Break (15 mins.)	2:15pm - 2:30pm
Student Academic Support (M-TH) (45 mins.)	2:30pm - 3:15pm

Friday (Half-day)

Period	Timeframe
Advisory (15 mins.)	8:40am-8:55am
1 st Period	9:00am -10:00am
Transition (15 mins.)	10:00am - 10:15am
2 nd Period	10:15am - 11:15am
Transition (15 mins.)	11:15am -11:30am
3 rd Period	11:30am - 12:30pm

Chromebook pick up/Google Account Information

Students will need a Chromebook, Wi- Fi and a school issued Gmail account this academic school year. In order to receive a school Chromebook to complete schoolwork, students must be officially enrolled. To do so they must attend their assigned virtual orientation session (*info below*). At orientation, students will receive important school information for this upcoming year.

Orientation Dates

All OBR students must attend one of the following virtual orientations days in order to begin the 2020-2021 academic school year. Students must attend their virtual orientation based off of the first letter of their last name. Students will receive an email and a phone call during the week of August 10, 2020 with orientation information and Gmail login information. Each student will be assigned a virtual session and students are REQUIRED to attend their 2-hour virtual orientation with camera on. Students will need to have a laptop, Wi-Fi and a school google account to join the orientation session.

Orientation Dates

Dates	August 19 th	August 20 th	August 21 th
8:45am - 10:45am	A-H	I-Q	R-Z
11:45pm - 1:45pm	A-H	I-Q	R-Z
2:00pm - 4:00pm	A-H	I-Q	R-Z

First Day of School

August 24, 2020 will be the first day of the module. You will be assigned an advisory teacher who will email you important information and will hold an AM and PM 3-day Student Professional Development course. This course is designed to teach you how to use Google Classroom and to ensure you are ready for the academic school year. All students will be informed by their advisory teacher of which session they have been assigned to attend.

Important Dates to Remember

- Starting August 17, 2020 all school buildings will be open for phone calls and questions from 8am-2:15pm Monday-Thursday.
- August 19th, 20th, 21st, 2020: Virtual Student Orientation Session
- August 24th, 25th, 26th, 2020: Virtual Student Professional Development via Advisory Groups
- August 27, 2020: First Day for students to log into their Google classes

There is a lot to digest and there may be some changes as we move towards September. As dates get closer, we will be posting information via Instagram, our website, Power Announcements and email so please check your email frequently. If you have any questions, please direct them to your Dean of Students listed below.

Thank you for believing in the One Bright Ray Mission and we look forward to this school year!

If you have any questions, please contact your Dean of Students:

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Sincerely,

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