

Fall Program 2020

Goals in our scenario planning:

- 1. Uncompromised Scholarship
- 2. Reignited and sustained Community
- 3. Minimized health risk to students and faculty





Five Days a Week

The Vermont Commons In Person-Online Fall 2020 Program

In-Person/Online Fall 2020 Program at Vermont Commons



- **Core Classes** Synchronous online instruction of English, Social Studies, Math, Science, World Language, Arts/Electives
- **Encounter Experiences** Every Wednesday In-Person: 4-week Short Courses outside in small, socially distanced, cross-grade groups taking complete medical precautions
- **Flex Time** Friday afternoon, from lunch-on, for clubs, office hours, honors classes, extended art and music, events, and more

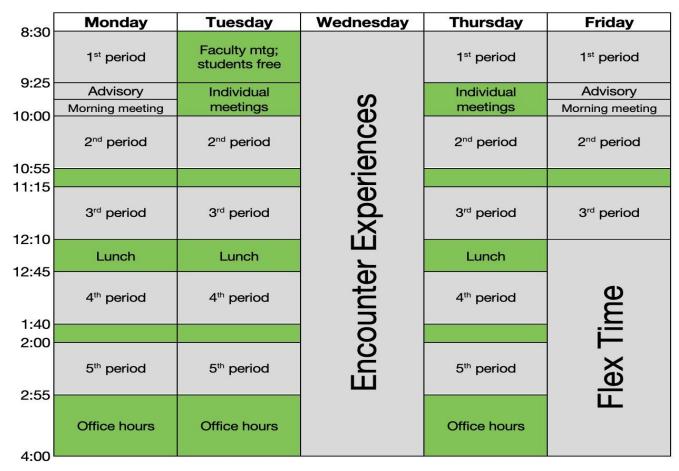
Scholarship without Compromise

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and the morning on Fridays: online classes

- meeting live with teachers every period, (asynchronous/outside time at teacher discretion and when appropriate for the content)
- unbroken and undiminished relationships, mentoring, oversight, feedback, and evaluation consistent with our in-person program
- balancing the need for real breaks between live video conferences and making each day efficient, in order to reduce overall screen time



Core Academic Schedule



Reignited and Sustained Community

Encounter Experiences

- Full-day, outdoor, in-person experiential education every Wednesday
- Small groups of 8 -12 multi-grade students and 2 Faculty members
- 4-week Short Courses in traditional outdoor education, interdisciplinary academics, field study, service work

- Selected by student sign-ups based on their interests
- The year will start with two Wednesdays of traditional start-of-year Core-Group gatherings
- After the first short course, Advisory Groups will have two Wednesdays
- For Students and Faculty unable to join in-person Encounter Experiences due to health issues or concerns, online, alternative, and/or independent Short Courses will be available.

A Taste of Encounter Experiences

- Road and Mountain Biking
- Day Hikes
- Restorative justice and Conflict Resolution
- Music composition and performance
- Page to the Stage Drama workshop
- Sculpture, sketching, and painting
- Creative Writing workshop
- Filmmaking and Photography
- Environmental Field Study
- Social Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Civic engagement at the local level





Minimized Health Risk to Students and Faculty

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- Challenges of health management in the building
 - Restrictions on Student and Faculty
 - Mask Requirement, Restriction to Desk/Teaching Corridor, limit on numbers of students in a room, no intermingling, no group meetings, etc.
 - Air quality and delivery
 - Uncertain data
 - Emerging understanding of
 - Risk to adults
 - Transmission by Middle and High School students
 - Long-term impact of infection on children
 - Treatment protocols
 - Vaccine
- Ongoing re-evaluation health situation and our ability to return to building (48 72 hours lead time)

Thanks!

Any questions?

You will receive an invite to schedule a short meeting with Administrators tomorrow, and feel free to reach out directly to us with your questions.

