



A Classical Education for the Modern World

Introducing Synchronous Learning

Beginning on Monday, April 13, Washington Latin will begin **a limited and gradual introduction of synchronous learning** (real-time or live classes) to complement our existing Distance Learning Plan. We also want this face-to-face time to allow teachers to engage in seminars, a trademark pedagogy of the school, and help sustain our community relationships that are so integral to our model.

At this time, the decision about whether and when to offer a live class is up to each teacher, so that this feature of our Plan will be phased in slowly. Some teachers have chosen to start synchronous learning this Monday, and they will be in touch with their students through their assignments this current week. Please see below for more details about these live classes.

Synchronous Learning Details

Schedule

- **Starting 4/13**, teachers have the option of offering their classes live via Zoom **on Mondays**. Not all classes will meet synchronously, but if they do, they can meet synchronously **only** on Mondays.
- Any synchronous classes will be offered according to the on-campus Monday schedule. Students should be prepared to be live any time from 8:20 – 3:20, the normal school day, though they will most likely not be in class all of those periods.
- Each teacher will decide which class(es) they can offer live and announce that to students no later than the last day that class is "in session" the week before.
- All teachers will make decisions about live streaming their classes each week, so they may offer a class live one week and not the next. Students will get information about whether their classes will be live the week prior.
- Teachers may decide to meet with a few students only on a given Monday or with only one section of a class. This information will be shared with students the week before, as noted above.
- On Mondays, tutorial will take place from 3:20 - 4:00, following the on-campus schedule to ensure all students can participate, even if they have a live class during the last period of the day.

Assignments/Class Work

- If a whole class meets synchronously on a Monday, that will be the assignment for the day.
- Teachers may assign 20-25 minutes of homework as preparation for Monday's live meeting, as needed.
- If there is any reason a student cannot attend that live session (e.g., technical difficulties or conflict with sibling class), s/he should contact the teacher directly.
- Students who are not able to meet synchronously will either have a separate, equal assignment, or will be asked to view the recording of the class.
- For Monday classes that will NOT be livestreamed, the usual rules apply (video and assignments will be posted by 9am, student work is due by 9pm in Unified Classroom).