

Parent Communication August Message

We are pleased to announce that we are able to run our ASAP (Academic Support After-School) Program virtually via Zoom for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. Also new to this year are Grades 5 and 6 joining the ASAP Program, calling it ASAP Jr. However, it will look very different from past years and it is vital that you read the details below for your child(ren) to register themselves for ASAP.

Please plan to virtually attend one ASAP/Jr. Caregiver & Student Information Session if you or your child(ren) has interest in this program. Grades 7 and 8 Information Zoom Session is Wednesday, August 19th from 4:15-4:45pm and Grades 5 and 6 Information Zoom Session is Thursday, August 20th from 4:15-4:45pm.

Zoom Session Link: <https://micds.zoom.us/my/msasap>

Overview: ASAP and ASAP Jr. aim to provide structured slots of time from 3:30-4:15 and 4:15-5:00 pm to support student academic growth and achievement for MICDS Middle Schoolers. We designate time and create virtual space for ASAP's faculty to actively assist students in three main areas: homework help, organization and time management, and study skills (general and subject-specific). For the foreseeable future, ASAP cannot run as a large study hall, even virtually. Students will be able to meet with grade level faculty, but for targeted questions or generalized study help. Once school returns to an in-person model, then ASAP will also return to the 3:35-5:00 time frame.

Registration is required: Students are required to register themselves, using their MICDS email address, on the Daily Google Form. If a student does not register, then they may not attend Virtual ASAP/ASAP Jr.

While waiting to work with a teacher or small group of students, students may work silently in the Zoom session or in the virtual waiting room. Students will be able to see on the Google form which teachers/subjects are offered each day and which time slot they are available (3:30-4:15 or 4:15-5:00) so they can plan accordingly. Only daily registration is permitted.

ASAP Staff: Callie Bambenek (Director of ASAP/Jr., 8th grade Science)
Emily Coppersmith (6th/7th/8th grade Spanish)
Maggie Dunson (7th grade English)
Lev Guter (7th grade Math)
Olivia Halverson (7th grade English)
Rachael Maurer (5-8 PE, 7th grade Co-Class Chair)
Chaley Poth (8th grade Math)
Jason Roberts (5-8th Vocal)
Patrick Woessner (CIT)
Krystal White (8th grade Math)

ASAP Jr. Staff: Dustin Delfin (6th grade Math)
Mark Duvall (6th grade History, 6th grade Dean)
Missy Heinemann (5-6 Drama)

Dismissal Policy:

Students will dismiss themselves from the virtual ASAP Zoom session when they have finished with their requested subject(s) or small group project. During the school year, students are dismissed when their

caregiver calls to our ASAP location in the Harris Reading Room or MS Library or uses our texting service and can be dismissed at any time between 3:45-5:00.

Behavior Expectations Policy:

Academic Support After-School Program (ASAP) is an extension of the School and behavioral expectations will be treated as such per our Middle School Code of Conduct. Students are expected to follow the guidelines set by the ASAP staff. Should the student choose not to adhere to the guidelines set by the ASAP staff, the following disciplinary action(s) will be taken: dismissal from the ASAP/ASAP Jr. Virtual Program. Students will be able to rejoin next semester. It is vital that we create a safe space for students to receive help to acknowledge that students who virtually enter the ASAP Zoom session are not to be doing anything other than academic work.

For additional questions about ASAP or ASAP Jr., please contact Callie Bambenek at cbambenek@micds.org