

Campus Update – Weds., 2:40 p.m., Sept. 16

Dear ASMS Community members,

Although we are grateful that Hurricane Sally shifted east and avoided Mobile, our thoughts are with those in Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, Pensacola, and the other hammered areas. I hope you and your families weathered the storm safely.

As Sally clears out of the Mobile area during the next several hours, the ASMS Leadership Team has determined next steps for the campus community. Tomorrow Thursday, September 16 will be considered an administrative/personal day. We want to allow our community members the opportunity to rest, take care of their personal property, and prepare to resume normal operations. This will also simultaneously allow the City of Mobile to restore power and clear roads. Our hall staff members will continue to keep your student safe, and the cafeteria is serving 3 meals per day.

Classes

Classes will not meet on Thursday, September 16, so students should use this day to finish their assignments. On Friday, September 17 we intend to resume remote instruction on the remote instruction schedule. The campus will be open to faculty and staff.

We know you may have questions about whether we will still officially start the in-person instruction schedule on Monday, September 21. Our Leadership Team will be meeting tomorrow, and we will issue a decision by the end of the day Friday.

Move-In and Return to Campus

Move-ins will resume on Sunday, September 20. For students who were scheduled to move-in on Monday - Thursday of this week, hall staff will be in touch to reschedule. Students who evacuated can return to campus on Sunday, September 20.

COVID-19

We must also return to the realities of COVID-19. Let's all do our parts to ensure that weathering this storm on campus was not done in vain. ASMS is best experienced in person. By wearing masks, socially distancing when possible, and sanitizing our areas regularly, we just might finish out our Fall Term on campus – which would be best for our students.

Again, thank you to each one of you for your patience and flexibility during an unprecedented time in our school's history.

John Hoyle, Ph.D.
President

