

Email Subject: Phase 3 After Winter Break

December 15, 2020

Dear Mountain Sage community,

Last night Poudre School District [announced plans](#) to begin in-person learning for their students after winter break. We are excited to share that we, too, will begin in-person learning after break. **On January 19th, we plan for all K-8 Mountain Sage students in our phased program to begin [Phase 3 hybrid learning](#) and MSV students to begin their 100% remote program.** It's important to note that this date could be impacted by community spread; we will notify you if that is the case.

The latest community check-in survey indicated that many of you are anxious for your children to return to on-site learning, if not also a bit uncertain about what the future holds. Our staff have been hard at work preparing for this moment, from readying the building and grounds to finding creative solutions that ensure our educational program meets the needs of all our students to preparing sound COVID-19 safety protocols. We are ready! We cannot wait to open our doors to your children once again.

You likely have many questions about what Phase 3 will look like. As a small K-8 school with limited space in our building, our approach to in-person learning will be different than PSD's. Please take the time to read [A New Rhythm: An Evolving Guide](#). This parent guide is updated regularly with important information regarding learning for the 2020-2021 school year. In addition to the parent guide, our Wednesday Webinar series has focused exclusively on life at Mountain Sage during a Phase 3. Today at 10:30am is our final Wednesday Webinar in December, which will be held in a Q&A format. Please join us in the [school's Zoom room](#) (msscconnect) for this 45 minute session. If you are unable to attend, or would like to watch the previous webinars (including the MSV Q&A), please visit the [Recorded Events](#) portion of the My MSCS section of our website.

Additional details about our shift to Phase 3 will be made available in January, after our return from winter break. Please look for those emails. If you have questions in the meantime, please send them to connect@mountainsage.org.

This is a journey we have walked together since the spring of last school year. It has not been easy, and yet we have pulled through to this point. We will continue into the future as a community with a mindset of success. Thank you for being a part of Mountain Sage!

With gratitude,

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