



Dear parents:

As this interesting year moves along, I am writing to you on a couple of points regarding grades and delivery of instruction during this period where schools are shut down for face-to-face instruction.

Regarding instructional delivery: Your student has access to a Google Classroom account for each class. They need to check this account every day, as it will have posted assignments for your students to complete, as well as links to external links, invitations to online-classroom instruction via Google Meets, and other valuable information. I would also urge you to peruse your student's accounts.

Regarding grades: Today (March 20th) is the end of the third quarter. Normally, most teachers then start fourth quarter grades on the upcoming Monday, with students "starting fresh," so to speak. However, the radical shift in instruction that the state shutdown has placed upon us has forced us to overhaul almost entirely our standard methods of instruction. While this presents a serious adjustment for students, it also presents a significant challenge to teachers as they quickly transition to a very new and different style of instructional delivery. So, with the learning curve being rather steep for ALL of us, students and teachers alike, we are scaling back in terms of the amount of work we are expecting students to get done in this fourth quarter. Meaning that the fourth quarter grades won't weight as equally with those of third quarter. So, to prevent unequal weighting, we will be treating the second semester as one grading period, rather than the usual combination of two grading periods; third and fourth quarters.

This is not the unusual, as a number of teachers here "rollover" their third quarter grades into fourth quarter. Practically speaking, for this second semester we are simply adopting the measure for all classes.

We will be sending home a progress report in lieu of a third quarter report card. And of course, you may still monitor your student's progress on MyStudentData.com, as well on their Google Classroom account.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail me.

God bless you all and stay safe in these interesting times.

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