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Distance Learning Update March 24, 2020

Please see below for some important information regarding Sayreville's Distance Learning Plan.

Attendance

In order for your child to be considered for a day's attendance at school and to get credit for their work, we are required to take attendance daily. Students must complete a brief survey for each class (grades 4–12), or homeroom (grades K-3). The survey may be embedded in an assignment, sent in an email, or in the teacher's online classroom. Your child's teacher will communicate the method that should be used to complete and submit the survey. Preschool students have a Class Dojo and Google Classroom activity to complete which will be used to record attendance. The preschool teachers are reaching out to parents with usernames and passwords. If you have not received your child's, please reach out to the teacher.

At all levels, the teacher will contact you to follow up if your child is not logging in as required and refer the matter to the principal, if necessary.

Lessons/Assignments

Students are expected to complete work and communicate with their teachers on a daily basis. Students in grades K-12 should be logging into Google Classroom, OnCourse Classroom, Google or the online platform specified by their teacher to view lessons and complete assignments. Students in PreK are expected to follow the lessons in the Google Classrooms and the packets that were sent home. Preschool teachers are reaching out to the parents with usernames and passwords so that the students can participate in the online learning experience. If you have not received your child's login information, please email your child's teacher.

Your child's teacher will be available, via email, during the school day to assist with any questions or concerns that you may have. Students are encouraged to reach out to their teacher with questions and for assistance when needed.

If you do not have access to technology, packets can be provided. However, these are reserved for students who do not have the ability to interact online. The online learning environment is a much richer learning experience for the students. If your child requires a packet, please contact your child's principal.

If students do not complete and submit assignments by the due date, their grades may be negatively impacted.

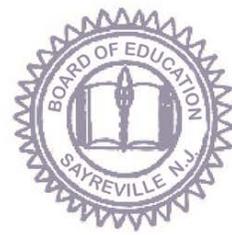
We have provided our teachers with the following guidelines for the time they should plan for lessons and the assigned work activities. These are estimated times that it should take students to complete each class. Please remember these are estimates and may vary by individual students.

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- Grades 6-12 - 30 minutes for a 45 minute class period; Middle School LAL and Math, which are taught in a block, should be approximately 45 – 60 minute
- Grades 3-5 – 45 to 60 minutes each for LAL and Math; up to 30 minutes each for all other classes. Students should also devote 15 minutes each day to ST Math.
- Grades K–2 – Morning greeting; 45 minutes for LAL (should include 15 minutes of reading) and 30 minutes for Math plus 15 minutes daily of ST Math; up to 20 minutes each for all the other classes

Feel free to email teachers with questions and concerns, but please remember that they may not respond to you if you email them **before or after their normal school day**. Like our parents, they too have children to care for and families to take care of and that may be the only time in which they can.

Please note that **Third Marking Period Quarterly Exams** for students in **grades 6-12** have been **cancelled**. As a result, the teachers will be adjusting their gradebooks to reflect that; your child's teacher will be in contact to explain how they will adjust the weighting of assessments and other grading categories. If you have any questions regarding grading, please contact the teacher.

The **Second Trimester Report Cards for grades K – 5** will be delayed; the report cards will be available for viewing in OnCourse on **April 8**.

Parents, please remember to check your SPAM/Junk folders for communication from the school district. If possible, whitelist all @sayrevillek12.net addresses and any other addresses coming from software programs your children are using that you have subscribed to.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Check Google/OnCourse Classroom, email, and teacher websites every day for you're your classes.
- Report your attendance every day by completing the survey for each class (grades 6 – 12), or your homeroom teacher (grades K-3). Preschool students have a Class Dojo and Google Classroom activity to complete which will be used to record attendance.
- Submit all assignments by the deadlines.
- Find a place where you can study and complete your work quietly without distractions.
- Reach out to your teacher if you have questions or need help with assignments or technology. Your parents may also email the teacher with any problems or questions.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Help your child to understand that they have schoolwork responsibilities every day.
- Engage your child in conversation about their assignments and what they are learning. Check that they are completing all assignments by the due date.

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- Encourage your child to email their teacher if they have questions. Parents of younger children should email the teachers with any questions or concerns.
- Realize your child may be under a lot of stress. We are asking them to navigate new online systems that they may not have used before. On top of that, they have been displaced from their normal routine, their social interactions, their school resources, etc.
- Make sure they have the resources they need to be successful. To the best of your ability, make sure they have space to work where the rest of the family knows to leave them alone.
- Do they have the computer/internet access they need to do their work? If not, complete the technology survey to request a device. [Technology Accessibility Survey](#). Altice/Optimum and Comcast are offering free internet access. Please click this link for further information: [Access to Free Wifi](#). In the meantime, if you do not have a computer or internet access, you may request work packets by emailing the principal of your child's school.

We will continue to reach out with important information and updates. As we embrace this challenge as a community, we appreciate your patience and support. Most of our teachers have had a week or less to completely revise their classes, assignments and assessments on an online platform. We are all using technology we have never used before or never used in this way before. Many teachers also have children at home. We will do our absolute best to provide your students with the best education they deserve. We will make some mistakes and some things we try will fall flat. Be patient we will get through this together.

Thank you so much for partnering with us to ensure the continuation of your child's education.