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Weekly Update

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Greetings,

DATES TO REMEMBER / CALENDAR REMINDERS

Thursday, October 8th: All "missing" assignments turned in before Noon for credit.

Thursday, October 8th: No School- teacher work day

Friday, October 9th: No School- teacher work day

Thursday, October 22: No School-Conferences

Friday, October 23: No School-Conferences

VIRTUAL SCHOOL PRACTICES AND PROTOCOLS - Every student/participant has a vocational goal. This goal is monitored on the progress reports. This goal includes Vocational Skills/Chores, Spanish word of the day, and the Daily Challenge. Late work has been accepted without any repercussion or modification to the Vocational goal.

In order to help your student/participant, all work listed as missing, in the To-do-List, from August 26-September 30th will be accepted until Noon on Thursday, October 8th. **After October 9th, no further late work submissions will be accepted.**

You may notice that the process for students getting into their 'classroom' has changed a bit. As a result of the Google Classroom upgrade, students will only be able to enter a lesson if there is a teacher present. Often, students were entering a classroom before the teacher was able to be there, thus interrupting the management of that particular class. This upgrade fixes that situation, so students will be able to join once the adult is in the class.

WORK SPACE So many of you have helped to prepare a special place for our students to learn and that is great! The fewer distractions the students have, the better experience it will be for them. In that regard, when your student is participating in the "synchronous" or live classes and have their microphones live, the microphones are so sensitive that they pick up personal conversations, music, TV shows, etc... Please keep that in mind.

TECHNICAL ISSUES - If you are having technical issues, you should contact Ms Courtney directly and she will note the issue and help you to resolve it. She is putting her technical skills to good use in addition to everything else for which she is responsible.

CLASSWORK QUESTIONS - Specific questions about lessons should be sent to the teacher whose class it is.

LIVE CLASSROOM RECORDINGS - If you need the recording of any of the live classes, you can find the recordings on the classroom stream. Go to the class you need the recording for and look under the stream tab.

CLASSROOM INVITES - Guardians please accept any invitations to join the your student's classes. This lets the teachers email you a list of missing assignments.

FRIDAY CLASSES - Friday's from 9:30 am -Noon is a great time for individual targeted learning. This includes: catching up on missing assignments, check in's with educators, and doing Moby Max. Friday's are not intended as "Day's Off" unless otherwise specified on the 2020-2021 school calendar.

REMINDERS - One of the great advantages of Virtual Learning is that you are able to take your 'classroom' anywhere. Take your iPad with you when you go to your doctor's appointments, when you know you'll be traveling for a while, or even on trips to run errands. The beauty of Virtual Learning is that you have more, not less, flexibility throughout the school day. There are some things that are **required** of course. For attendance purposes, we need to see the students logged into the Morning Meeting, they have to attend their synchronous classes and they need to log into the Afternoon Meeting. Anything less than that is considered an absence. We need to get used to this way of learning. Virtual School is going to be with us for a while.

We have corrected an issue with the student emails. You may have noticed that student's emails were in the hundreds in their in-boxes. This was due in part because they were getting 'notifications' of emails that are not necessary. That issue has now been resolved, so the number of emails that should appear in the mailbox should be very manageable going forward. If the students notice this big difference, please assure them that they did nothing wrong. It is an attempt on our part to make their emails less overwhelming for them (and you!) to manage.

ABSENCES - Being absent in the virtual environment can be a little tricky. But, it doesn't have to be. Will there be days when someone is very sick or has an appointment causing them to miss school? This is absolutely true. But this is also true... feeling a little 'under the weather' means you can still attend school and not miss anything! Isn't that great! You have the ability to feel a little ill and still go to your classes, see your teachers and classmates AND turn in your assignments. If anything, we should have 100% attendance for our students because of this flexibility that we enjoy. We are taking attendance everyday. We need to... it's the law. We will continue to follow our policy to send notices when students reach a certain number of absences. Thankfully, we shouldn't have to send too many of those notices home! You're doing an amazing job at keeping our students well-rested, well-nourished and in school. Keep it up!!

Inspiration: "Our Lives are shaped by those who love us"