

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Hello Sunrise families,

We are excited to get back to (online) school on Monday, March 30! We know that managing learning at home will be new territory for many parents/guardians, and we want to help you to be successful. Here is a video and slides presentation to provide some tips for managing learning at home:

[Managing Learning at Home - Video](#)

[Managing Online Learning Tips for Parents.pdf](#)

Here is some information about how distance learning will work:

Distance Learning Components

- Daily announcements will be sent to students by their teachers, including a to-do list, through Google Classroom or Schoology by 10:00 A.M.
- Teachers will post daily office hours and email/phone contact information in Google Classroom. Teachers will be available via Google Hangouts Meet, email or telephone between;
 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Attendance

- Students are expected to participate daily, however, they can choose the time within a day to complete tasks.
- Attendance will be taken based on student participation (posting in a discussion, submitting an assignment, responding to a prompt, etc.)

Student Workload

- In order to accommodate student schedules and at-home responsibilities, students will be expected to complete less work that would normally be expected if they were attending in person.
- Typically work that is completed at home takes two to three times longer to finish. Teachers are taking this into account as they plan their lessons.

Grades

- Teachers will continue to follow the grading system used prior to transitioning to distance learning.
- Teachers will post announcements with information on what students need to complete and submit.
- Students are expected to participate in and submit assignments for each class.
- Quarter 3 will still end as scheduled, but students will have until April 9 to complete and submit any late-work, missed assignments, etc. Due to this extension of time, report cards will be delayed until later in April.

Supports

- Technology
 - Parent Technical Support
 - For district related technical support contact parenttechhelp@isd624.org or 651-407-7637. Messages are checked daily. Tech Dept. hours are from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. most business days.
 - Here are some links that you may find helpful:
 - [Logging Into Google Classroom](#)
 - [Google Meet Resources](#)
 - [Google Meet](#)
- Mental health and wellness
 - Counselors will continue to serve as a point person for students and families.
 - Students and families can also access the district [Support Hub](#). This support gives families and community members access to information for essential services including crisis response, basic needs, mental health and well-being, physical health, social emotional learning and more.
 - Use this form to report concerns about the well-being of any student: [Student Well-Being Tip Line](#)
- Meal access
 - Use [this link](#) to see the latest information about free meals for all students

Digital Citizenship

- All White Bear Lake students need to practice good digital citizenship. Teachers will review these expectations with each class.
- All student code of conduct expectations should be followed.
- Students should not post class content/videos to social media.
- Bullying/cyber bullying will not be tolerated. If you need to report bullying, use this [bullying reporting form](#).

Something Fun - Marketfest Art Contest

The Marketfest Artwork contest is still underway, and the deadline is extended to Friday, April 10. Students can turn artwork submissions in at EAT!, or they can email them to info@marketfestwbl.com. More info is on the website <https://marketfestwbl.com/about/artwork/>

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we prepare for distance learning. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!