



IMS Families -

I want to thank you for embarking on this unique journey with us. We must unify, more today than ever before, as an educational team made up of students, staff, parents and the community to prepare the HEROES of tomorrow. Again, thank you for your support.

The following slogan has been adopted as we work together to ensure that each student and family is supported as we finish out the 2019-2020 school year:

“Together We Will!”

- Inspire each other
- Challenge each other to continue to grow
- Adapt as we navigate our new learning platform
- Be there for each other
- Give grace to each other
- Laugh, smile and overcome

The attached Learning Plan outlines student, staff and parent expectations that will help us to challenge, motivate and hold each other accountable. Students have two options to access the Continuity of Learning Plan, online and/or via an At-Home Packet. (See pg. #2 for pickup information.) Students with internet access should check their Google Classroom accounts for codes to online meetings.

Students will not be asked to turn packets back in, teachers will monitor student engagement through online class meetings, phone calls, emails, online platforms like IXL, etc..

If I/we can assist you or your family in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out to me/us.

Together,

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Students have two Options for accessing the Continuity of Learning Plan

1) Online at Ioniaschools.org

OR

2) At-Home Learning Packet

Packet Pick-up Times and Locations:

Packet A

Friday, April 17th 11:30-2:00pm

Monday, April 20th 3:00-6:00pm

Bus Drop off Zone at the Middle School

Bus Drop off Zone at the Middle School

Packet B

Thursday, May 7th 3:00-6:00pm

Bus Drop off Zone at the Middle School

When arriving, enter the circle drive using the East Entrance. Students and parents must remain in cars. A staff member will bring you a packet.





CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN

The IMS educational team has worked closely with the IPS Administrative Team and Intermediate School District to create this Learning Plan. The plan is structured and designed to provide students with multiple opportunities to stay engaged. The online template is the same as the paper packet. Students will be challenged to complete Project-Based Learning activities along with numerous other activities tied to our curriculum. The educational plan is broken into Part A and Part B. Part A will cover April 16th-May8th and Part B will cover May 11th-June 3rd. Part B will be made available on May 7th.

FRAMEWORK (*Together we will*)

- Students will be expected to:
 - Participate in Mathematics activities for a minimum of 30 minutes per weekday
 - Participate in English Language Arts activities for a minimum of 30 minutes per weekday
 - Complete one Project Based Learning Activity per week
 - Explore as many of the Enrichment Activities as possible
 - Communicate with teachers each week via email, Google Classroom, phone conversations, etc..
- Teachers will:
 - Have weekly office hours for real-time conversations
 - Provide feedback and encourage students
 - Post office hours on the web-page, in packets and via Google Classroom
- Administration, Counselors and other support staff will:
 - Have weekly office hours for real-time conversations
- Parents will:
 - Encourage and motivate along with the teaching staff

SAMPLE STUDENT SCHEDULE

8:00 am	Breakfast and morning responsibilities
9:00 am	Mathematics
9:30 am	Movement Break
10:00 am	English
10:30 am	Movement Break
11:00 am	Project Based Learning Activity
11:45 am	Lunch Break
12:30 pm	Enrichment Activity or Free Reading

Have a designated workspace - Set a daily routine - Participate and have fun

What you do today can improve all your tomorrows.

-Ralph Marston



Frequently Asked Questions:

1. When will I/my child be able to get their items from their lockers?

Ionia Public Schools will be waiting until the “Stay home, Stay safe” order is lifted before we will announce our plan for allowing students to pick up their items.

2. How will students sign up for classes for the 2020-2021 school year?

Scheduling information will be shared the week of May 11th.

3. When will the 2nd packet be available for pick-up or viewing on-line?

They will be available on May 7th from 3-6 pm @ Ionia Middle School Bus Drop off Zone. (This is located on the South Side of the building)

4. 9th-grade orientation will tentatively be moved to August.

5. How will current 5th-grade students get information on the Middle School?

We will be mailing a letter to all 5th-grade families in May that discusses Middle School life, 5th-grade welcome night, band, etc...

6. 8th Grade Web-Leaders Applications?

Information to be shared the week of May 11th

7. Algebra, Advanced Courses, Creative Reading

The Middle School teaching staff will be utilizing the Winter NWEA Assessment along with teacher recommendations to place students in these classes.

8. What about the Top-Dog trip?

We will provide more information in the May packet as to how we will reward those students who earned Top-Dog recognition.



Links to Learning Plans

[6th Grade Learning Plan](#)

[7th Grade Learning Plan](#)

[8th Grade Learning Plan](#)

[Mrs. Yakes Class A](#)

[Mrs. Yakes Class B](#)

[Mrs. Haveman](#)