



PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Administration Center

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Dear Middle School Parents/Guardians,

Thank you so much for your cooperation and patience during this challenging time. We know it's not easy to oversee learning from home, work, and try to stay healthy. Our teachers have done an outstanding job collaborating and identifying what they believe are essential learning opportunities for students to best prepare for the next grade level. We thank our teachers for their grace, empathy, collaboration, and hard work connecting with students, understanding their needs, and encouraging them to complete their work.

This is a new normal for school, but through the skills learned in our recent initiative to provide a Chromebook for every middle schooler, your child has been preparing all year for e-Learning in their classes. We couldn't be more proud of their effort and communication during this time. Your child will continue e-Learning with their 5th Marking Period courses from now until June 12th (our scheduled last day of school).

Please have your child review their 5th Marking Period schedule in Schoology. Teachers post the weekly schedule and assignments by Monday morning at 8 AM. Your child should log onto Schoology Monday morning so they understand expectations for the week, utilize teacher office hours, and message their teacher with questions. Take a few moments to help your child get a feel for the "week's worth" of assignments. This is a new skill. Students are not used to looking at a large batch of learning activities at one time and then developing a plan to tackle bite-sized chunks. This is an important life skill and will get easier! They can use their school-provided agenda books to log goals for completing chunks of work each day in order to visualize how to complete all assignments over the course of a week. Students should submit their assignments to their teachers by the end of the day on Friday. This work will be graded and recorded in Home Access Center. **If students do not submit work, it will appear blank in Home Access Center.** Once your child submits the work, the blank will be populated with a grade. Please be patient with updates to grades and contact your teacher if you have any questions. We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to stay engaged in e-Learning and submit their assignments.

Please know there will be grace and flexibility extended to your student and family as was previously communicated in our [e-Learning Launch Letter on March 25](#). As we embark on this journey, course averages and grading procedures have been updated and can be reviewed [here in our new Middle School Grading Plan](#) for all Middle School students. There will be outreach attempts made to parents by teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators if students are not engaging in e-Learning and/or submitting work.

Thank you so much for your partnership. This is new for all of us and we truly appreciate your support to ensure that your child continues to learn and grow.

Stay safe and healthy,

Dr. Michelle Minotti
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Principal, Orefield Middle School