



Parents,

This morning I was reading 2 Corinthians 1 where Paul talks about the comfort the Lord provides us. In chapter 1:3-4 Paul writes, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves received from God." We are all experiencing things right now that we have never experienced before. It's easy to feel anxious and overwhelmed at times. Today I am thankful for a God that comforts us in the midst of all our troubles. I pray that you and your family would experience God's comfort in real and tangible ways during this time. Paul writes that God comforts us so that we can provide comfort to others. May we be a community that experiences God's comfort so that we can extend that comfort to others in meaningful ways.

In light of today's announcement that we will be extending our Remote Learning Protocol through the end of April, I wanted to touch base on several important pieces of information. Please read this message carefully and let me know if you have any questions.

-Thank you to those of you have provided feedback to us via email and survey. This information is really helpful. I wanted to provide a few middle school specific updates to the Remote Learning Protocol that will hopefully help strengthen the student's experience. Here are a few things you can expect moving forward:

1. By next week the majority of if not all of your child's classes will be on Google Classroom. This will provide a consistent place for your child to find information for their classes. Teachers may continue to post to PCR and send email communication so that parents are informed about assignments, but all of this information will also be available on the Google Classroom page. Teachers will also continue to use PCR for posting grades.
2. Teachers will post lesson plans for the entire week at the beginning of the week so that students can plan their school week accordingly.
3. Teachers will post any updates to the Google Classroom pages by 9:00AM each day so that students are not wondering if there have been other updates added later in the day.
4. All assignments will be due at 11:59PM on the day that they are due. This will make it easier for students to remember the time that an assignment is due. Of course a student is welcome to turn assignments in earlier in the day!
5. Teachers will provide at least 48 hours notice of any Zoom meetings happening for their class. Teachers will be recording the sessions and posting them on Google Classroom for students that are not available at the time of the meeting.
6. If your child is having challenges with a specific class, please have them reach out to that teacher. Teachers are available during normal school hours to assist students with any questions that they have. If you are having trouble getting in contact with a specific teacher please let me know.

-I know that some families are finding that they do not currently have enough electronic devices in their home for remote learning. We want to do our best to come alongside families to help with this need. We have a limited number of MCA Chromebooks that we can check out to families during this time. We would like to limit this to one device per family in order to help as many of our families as possible. If you would like one of these devices please email me and let me know. Once you message me I will confirm that we have one available for your child. You will also need to fill out the attached Student Computer Loan Agreement. Chromebooks will be able to be picked up this Friday, April 3rd between 10:00-1:00 at Metro. Please let me know if you have any questions about this.



-Monday, April 6th was scheduled to be a Professional Development day. We are going to use this day to provide additional time for training and preparation for our teachers. We will also still be observing Good Friday on April 10th. We hope that the long weekends are a blessing to your family.

-I will have an update about the Washington DC trip for our 8th grade families later in the week.

We are committed to continuing to serve your family to the best of our ability during this time. We are praying for your family daily. We want to support your child academically, spiritually, and emotionally. If there is anything we can do please let us know.

Thank you,

Robby Davis, MS Principal