



## **Ovid-Elsie Area Schools**

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Greetings OEMS Families,

On behalf of the middle school staff, we want you to know that we miss you all and we hope that you are doing well, staying safe, and remaining healthy. We recognize that the COVID-19 Pandemic has altered our normal, and everyone has their own unique set of challenges to work through. We want you to know that you are not alone. Our staff is working hard behind the scenes to develop a plan to assist our families in providing opportunities to continue the educational process. The purpose of this document is to provide clarity and guidance as we travel into this uncharted educational territory.

### **Parent Involvement**

We understand the many challenges you face and each household will handle education differently, and that is okay. Some suggestions include:

- Establish a specific time schedule for school work that is followed each day.
- The middle school is recommending a maximum of two hours a day, five days a week with additional choice activities.
- Talk to your student about what they are reading/working on in each class.
- Offer/ask to look over assignments before they are turned in.
- All assignments are opportunities to keep a sharp mind and prevent learning loss.

### **Communication**

You can expect communication from the middle school often regarding the educational opportunities that are being provided for your child. Our homework calendar has also been updated to better meet your needs during this time of remote learning. By clicking on the link to your specific grade level you will gain access to a student planning calendar which will provide numerous resources for your child. From the student planning calendar, you will also have access to the learning management system Schoology. It is here that all student assignments will be housed. It is important to note that teachers will be providing office hours to connect with students in order to provide feedback on assignments and answer any questions that may arise. In addition, counselors will be providing opportunities to meet with students throughout this process during designated office hours or by appointment.

### **Important Dates**

- During the week of April 20th, teachers will begin checking in on the social-emotional needs of students and providing learning opportunities
- April 20th: Device pick up at the high school (Athletics West Side Entrance)
  - 11:00am-1:00pm and 4:00-6:00pm
- April 24th: Device and printed material pick up at the high school (Athletics West Side Entrance)
  - 11:00am-1:00pm and 4:00-6:00pm
- Week of April 27th: Weekly learning opportunities through online and printed materials will be provided in accordance with the district's Continuity of Learning Plan and continue throughout the remainder of the school year.

## **Resources**

- **PowerSchool**- teachers will use the current email addresses on file to reach out to students and parents. **Please ensure your information is up to date.**
- **Schoology**- Students in the middle school will use this product to gain access to online assignments, links, and to complete schoolwork.
- **Google Classroom**- This is part of the Google/Gmail environment. It is a place where teachers can post content, assignments, documents, and communicate with students. A teacher will provide a code that will allow the student to enroll in the classroom.
- **Zoom/Google Meet**-These sites will offer students and teachers the opportunity to communicate in real-time, individually or as a class so that questions can be answered and material can be discussed.
- **Remind**- This is a service that allows teachers to text students. This is for short messages only, but considering student use of phones, it is a highly effective way of touching base.
- **Hard Copies**- For any student unable to receive/send work electronically, copies will be distributed. Students can contact teachers during their office hours to get feedback on these assignments. Students may also take a picture of the assignments and turn them into teachers via email for feedback.

We understand this is uncharted territory, but we are looking forward to partnering with our community to promote a sense of connectedness and provide exposure to materials that will be beneficial to our students as they transition to the next school year.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected  
OEMS Staff