



## **EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Dear Junior High School Families:

Please find the enclosed Interim Progress Report. It is apparent that we must work closely together to ensure a high quality education so that all of our students are getting the most from their classes and that their progress is accurately measured. I thank those parents who have given me both positive and constructive information as to how instruction is going, and I hope that this continues. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teachers directly as well.

I'd like to cover a few prominent issues that have been brought up and are being discussed by our faculty and parents. Students should...

- Log in and participate in Google Classroom on a daily basis to check for updates and assignments—be sure to check BOTH the stream & the classwork tabs.
- Read the instructions for each assignment, along with any resources that the teacher has included—rather than simply skipping straight to the assignment.
- Work hard to accurately complete assignments to the best of their ability, using the resources provided by the teacher, such as video lessons and example materials—all posted to Google Classroom.
- Not mark assignments as “done” in Google Classroom if they are not done, but use the “mark as done” function to stay organized.
- Join synchronous lessons (whether on Google Meet, Zoom, or another video platform) with school assigned email accounts to avoid those who don't belong gaining access.
- Take advantage of live instruction when it is offered. Live instruction schedules are posted in every teacher's Google Classroom. The schedule put out in the Jr/Sr High Web Site is only the minimum.
- Watch the recorded lessons as often as you need to. to understand the material.
- View the agendas that many teachers post at the beginning of each week to help students plan for classwork. Again, many of these are posted in the “Stream.”
- Watch the tutorial videos if they are struggling with an assignment. Odds are that many questions will be answered in the video.
- Use Monday as the designated submission day for all assignments from the previous week. However, it is beneficial for students to complete assignments as they are posted, to avoid a mountain of work at the end of the week and to allow for support in completing activities throughout the week.
- Periodically check Edustar for the points earned on assignments.
- Never share your email address or passwords with ANYONE. It is important that only our students are logged into our classes.

In order to best help your child, parents/guardians should do the following...

- Periodically check Edustar for points earned on assignments.
- Accept the teacher's invitation to Google Classrooms and the Guardian Summary for each of their classes.
- **Make sure that your child is up and out of bed for all assignments. Records are showing that a considerable number of students are not logging into live instruction and miss the opportunity to ask questions of the teacher.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Draskovich', written in a cursive style.

Mark Draskovich and Middle School Team