

Hello, Everyone -

This is a message from your student's teachers for the classes titled "Cultural Geography / Economics and Environmental Science." It is mostly for parents of 9th graders, and also includes information about the class titled "Community Orientation." So, let's get to it!

We hope you are all doing okay in this new world. We miss your kiddos and want to see & hear from each of them. And, we want them to see & hear from their classmates. Our classes through Zoom -- an online conferencing program -- will, therefore, be focused on engaging with one another in a supportive way, having fun, and learning social studies & science while we're at it.

What follows is our best explanation of your student's online opportunities with us in a Covid-19 world. We use the word, 'best,' because this new global reality is changing so quickly. As such, we will do our best to update this plan as our school & our state department of education adapt. In this message, we therefore do our best to include key information for your student to be able to take full advantage of learning opportunities. Please note that we also posted a version of this letter in our google classrooms for your student to view.

Your student's 3rd quarter grade will become their semester grade. If they did not pass the 3rd Quarter, they will have the opportunity to make-up or redo assignments from the 3rd Quarter until April 24th. This is so everyone has the chance to pass the semester. Although we, as their teachers, intend to conduct classes in Zoom -- the online meeting program that we explain below -- and make assignments during the remainder of the school year, we will not assign grades to any of their work for the rest of the semester. In that spirit, we may comment on work they submit, while offering helpful suggestions and affirmation for especially strong or ambitious work. Yes, these assignments will be focused on independent work & on getting outside as much as possible.

While students do not 'have' to attend the Zoom sessions -- due to digital equity issues -- we encourage them to participate in our online class activities. More information about creating a Zoom account is included at the conclusion of this message.

Regarding the weekly schedule, we will be starting class sessions over Zoom next Tuesday April 7th. See the following table for time slots & getting together over Zoom. Blocks for these three classes are in bold font. We will send Zoom meeting invites for students in google classroom / email. They will need to accept this invite prior to each class session.

Monday	A Block—9-9:55 AM	C Block—10-10:55	E Block—11:00-11:55
Tuesday	B Block—9-9:55 AM	D Block—10-10:55	F Block—11:00-11:55
Wednesday	A Block—9-9:55 AM	C Block—10-10:55	E Block—11:00-11:55
Thursday	B Block—9-9:55 AM	D Block—10-10:55	F Block—11:00-11:55
*Community Orientation --- Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:30 pm			

We look forward to seeing everyone next week!

Be Well & Stay Healthy -

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Zoom Directions & Resources:

Click on one (or both) of the following links for directions on how to use the Zoom program and to create a free account.

[ZOOM User's Guide](#)

[Creating Zoom Account](#)