

Hi, 8th grade parents

How are you doing? I hope that during all this change you are able to find some silver linings and bright sides. Garrett and I are thinking about your kids a lot and truly miss them. Really.

This email is to let you know what our online school schedule will be. Have you seen this YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8U6zU4MXmnA&t=9s> We want to keep you from feeling the way this mother does. Our intention is to keep students connected to one another, keep them engaged in learning, and to support them as best we can through this very unusual time. So, your child will meet with me and their half of the 8th grade for a half an hour once a week, and the same with Garrett. Then on Friday the whole 8th grade will meet together. All this on Zoom. How many of you have had meetings on Zoom. Now imagine that all of your workmates are 14 years old. That will be Garrett and I. Don't worry about us; we are trained for this.

Monday: 10:00-11:00 **Garrett's AM class** meet on Zoom  
11:00-12:00 *Jennifer* office hours

Tuesday: 10:00-11:00 **Jennifer's AM class** meet on Zoom  
11:00-12:00 Garrett's office hours

Wednesday: 10:00-11:00 **Jennifer's PM class** meet on Zoom  
11:00-12:00 Garrett's office hours

Thursday: 10:00-11:00 **Garrett's PM class** meet on Zoom  
11:00-12:00 *Jennifer* office hours

Friday: 10:00-11:00 **Jennifer and Garrett** meet with **ALL 8th graders** on Zoom

Office hours are guaranteed times when Garrett and I will be available for immediate help. This could be through email, texting, or meeting on Zoom. We will also be checking our email throughout the day for questions or concerns.

We believe that 8th graders are not to be trifled with or talked down to. And so with that in mind many of the assignments for each core subject will be related to our current world wide crisis. We believe that your child is capable of thinking critically, problem solving, and being creative; and therefore, assignments will require all of these things. Assignments will be posted in google classroom (all your kids are familiar with this platform, don't let them fool you) and will be turned in through this site. You will receive an email at the address that you received this email at, each week with a summary of the week's assignments and whether your child turned them in or not.

At this point, this fourth quarter will simply be pass or fail. If your child shows up on Zoom and joins the discussion and turns in their work, they will pass! If they have what they need to participate (a computer, WiFi) and do not participate or do assignments, they will fail:( THIS IS IMPORTANT: *if your child does not have a computer they can borrow one from the school.* (We are still trying to figure out the safest way to get these to you, so hang tight more information to

follow.) *If you do not have internet access, please let us know so we can try to help with this problem.*

**PLEASE: respond to this email so Garrett and Jennifer know that you received it. This is how most of our communication with you will come. While you are at it, get your 8th grader to check their email and respond to the emails that Jennifer and Garrett have been sending, yo!**

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