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Hello Shumate Students and Families,

We enjoyed an outstanding first “official” day of online learning today! Our teachers reported excellent participation in math Google Meets, and they were so happy to see you! We’re reaching out this evening to clarify some expectations for the entire group because of observations made by teachers today. Within this email we will share hints to help students find success online by focusing on, and adhering to these expectations. Because you’re all very busy, we’ve included a link to a video that includes the important information below so you can either read the document or listen along while having breakfast tomorrow morning.

Here's the [Video Link](#)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IAbje0ZAHjJeolBm-1PCUj72XuGGYmMO/view?usp=sharing>

Student Behavior Online

While the vast majority of students were EXTREMELY well behaved, there were a couple incidents that led us to send this reminder to students. Please remember, in a traditional classroom a teacher is usually able to pull a student aside to informally talk to them about behavior that is getting in the way of learning. That type of informal interaction is not possible in an online group format. Therefore, we need to rely on our students to demonstrate an even greater degree of maturity and responsibility.

Student Norms

Please use the link below to review Student Norms for Google Meet sessions.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Hxh51v3KxiwmaqpcGQEc8eQnGjZqBGodjr1Phb5oXE8/edit?usp=sharing>

In addition to the information in the Student Norms document, we need to remind students that you are not permitted to attend classes that they are not enrolled in, and aren’t on your schedule. Even if your friend gives you the Google Classroom code so you can chat with some friends. Don’t log in. Don’t use it. It may seem funny, but logging into classes other than your own leads to a disruption in the virtual classroom, and we need every minute possible to make sure our students are prepared for next year.

Academic Tips

We want to remind students that classroom assignments are not like Khan Academy or Compass, in which you can retake a given assignment many times until you receive a passing score. These are actual assignments, much like those that you would physically turn in prior to 3/13/20. Simply put, you are expected to put in an honest effort the first time.

We also noticed a few students that struggled with their math assignments today and didn’t attend their Google Meets session. You need to do everything in your power to attend these sessions. If you are not able to attend a given session, you need to reach out to your teacher for additional help. We expect our students to put in an honest effort in order to receive a grade of “COMPLETE”. If you are struggling, you’ll need to demonstrate that you’ve used the tools we’ve provided and/or reached out for additional help throughout the way. Remember, if there is something getting in the way of you connecting online, make sure to have your parent reach out

to your counselor so they can inform your teachers.

If you have any concerns about logging in, technical issues, or if you're struggling in a given class, do everything within your power to attend the morning session if both morning and afternoon are available. This way a student has the backup of attending later in the day. Furthermore, students that require additional help can double down on their daily instruction and attend both sessions if both are available.

This is a big responsibility, but we know you can handle it!

Troubleshooting Tips

Make sure to check your Google Classroom for exact times your classes will meet. Several students became very frustrated today because they couldn't get into a class that had not yet started. Remember, a teacher may need to work with one group of learners at 10:00, and another at 10:30...etc.

That's all for now. Please don't mistake this LONG email of reminders as an indication that our Seahawks did anything less than Awesome today! This is new for all of us, and we thank you all for joining us on this ride!

Take Care, Stay Safe, Stay Healthy,

Eric Cassie & Dave Anderson