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Dear Parents/Guardians of Middle School Students:

As we continue to provide Continued Learning Opportunities remotely, we have been required to rapidly shift our teaching and learning and focus solely on the essential curriculum for all courses. As a result, we have also needed to reimagine the way we assess and provide feedback to you and your child. We understand this transition can be overwhelming, and we will continue to dedicate ourselves to supporting everyone during this challenging time. Below, you will find information regarding expectations, Regents Exams, grading and report cards.

Daily Expectations

- Your child must log into the appropriate on-line platforms everyday as daily lessons, work, class meetings, and teacher office hours are being posted by our classroom teachers on BUZZ, Google Classroom, Castle Learning and/or Zoom.
- Students are required to complete and submit all assignments as new material will be assessed and graded (4/1/2020 – 6/26/2020).
- Have your child access their teacher during Google Meets and/or office hours for additional support. There is not the expectation that you will be your child's classroom teacher, but we do ask you to support your child during the learning process.
- Required services such as OT, PT, Speech and Resource Room must be attended. If there are issues, please contact your child's teacher and/or principal immediately.
- District Level meetings will be set up for parents and students who are not maintaining communication with their teacher/principal, responding to phone calls or emails regarding completing assignments and other assessments.

Regents Examinations

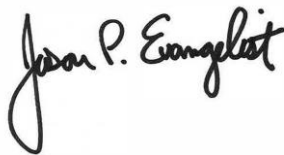
- If your child is currently enrolled in a course ending in a Regents Examination and will have earned course credit by the end of 2019-20 school year, they will get credit for the Regents Examination.
- If your child is currently enrolled in a course ending in a Regents Examination and has failed the course by the end of the school year, they must enroll in summer school and pass the course and will then get credit for the Regents Examination.

Grading

- We will be merging the 3rd and 4th Marking Periods as one in grades 6 – 8.
- Marking Period 3 will be a Progress Report reflecting student progress from 1/27/2020 – 4/17/2020. The following categories will be used:
 - Mastery – grade range 85 – 100
 - Pass – grade range 65 – 84
 - Incomplete – work not completed
- Marking Period 4 will combine all grades from 1/27/2020 – 6/26/2020
- A full year accelerated course (Algebra CC R, Living Environment R, Spanish/French I) will have only 3 Marking Period grades along with a Midterm and a Local Final Exam.
- Other full year courses will have only 3 Marking Periods.

We understand the shift to online learning has been a major transition to us all. We continue to evaluate our protocols and appreciate the feedback and communication we have received. Our District continues to be committed to providing learning experiences aligned to the essential curriculum while meeting the needs of our students and community. If you have any questions or your child's work becomes overwhelming, please contact your child's teacher, guidance counselor, or principal directly. Collaborative and supportive partnerships are vital as we are working together to successfully get through this challenging and unprecedented time. Your confidence and trust is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason P. Evangelist". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

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