

Parents and Students:

These are interesting times we are in right now! I hope that we can all make the transition to an online learning platform without too much trouble and that you continue to learn and grow in your education. At anytime parents can contact me at Catherine.sorensen@psd201.org from M-TH 8-4. Parents, I will be sending home a group email every two weeks as needed to remind you of assignments, tests, and projects due, and I will call in the event your student's grade drops below a 65%. Individual late work policies can be found below. Students can contact me through email or on TEAMS. Below are the instructions for the three classes I teach. Skip to the section that applies to you.

6th Grade Science

You will find the majority of your lesson assignments on Stemscores. Please make sure you check for due dates on your assignments. I will have you doing one section per week. The tasks should take you about 20 minutes max each day. Occasionally I will have an alternate activity for you to do that I will assign through TEAMS. This could include watching a video on youtube and doing a short essay on what you watched, or it may be an easy activity you can do at home to reinforce concepts you learn through Stemscores. **Please check TEAMS each day before you start Stemscores for any classroom announcements or alternate activities and assignments that get posted.** Grades will be updated weekly. There will be assignments from before Spring Break that will be posted by April 2nd. Late work or corrections will be accepted up to two weeks past the original due date.

8th Grade Algebra

I will either teach a lesson and post it to TEAMS or we will do live lessons through the TEAMS app if needed that will also be posted. I will send notices of live lessons through TEAMS so you can join if you'd like. If you find you still have questions on the lesson material, or you get far ahead of the rest of the class, I will be more than happy to do a video chat as individuals as well to answer any questions you may have. In order to pass your quiz, you will want to work through the problems in your book for each lesson. I will provide a suggested group of problems for you to work through before you take your quiz.

Each lesson has a 5 question quiz on Canvas. You can continue to the next lesson after you get 4/5 correct on a quiz. You will be expected to do a minimum of 5 lessons per week in order to finish the Algebra course for high school credit. Your quizzes and end of chapter tests will make up your grade until we return to school. For your chapter tests, you will need to download and print the test out, or write your answers on a sheet of paper and when you finish, take a picture of your finished test and upload it. More specific instructions will come as we get closer to a test if needed. Late work and corrections will be due by the test day of the next chapter. You will be able to work at your own pace, but are expected to keep up with the minimum requirement. **Check TEAMS daily for lesson posts, assignments, or if you have questions to individual problems or just need to connect.**

Intro to Computer Science

Luckily all of our programming was taking place online anyway! Yay! **You are going to find your daily assignments posted on TEAMS.** We will continue to use the makecode website as well as the codehs

site. I will have a weekly to do list posted to TEAMS. We will alternate between the two sites. Depending on how long we are out, I may throw in a design challenge on tinkercad as well. Most of your assignments will just require a quick reflection on what you did that day, and we may do a couple of live meetings to present some microbit projects and just check in with each other. Late work will be accepted up to two weeks past the original due date. Please let me know at anytime if you get stuck with your programming and we can schedule a videochat to help you troubleshoot any problems you run into.

Best of luck to all of you! Don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions. Miss you guys, but hopefully everyone stays safe and healthy! Hang in there!

Mrs. Sorensen