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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parent Update (Revised w/ Additional Information)
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Families,

My sincere apology for a second e-mail this evening. In looking back at the last communication that was sent out, there was content missing that I wanted to be sure to include. There are no revisions to the previous e-mail, rather I have simply added to attachments to the Powerpoints that are referenced but missing.

Thank you and sorry for the convenience:

I just wanted to pass along a couple of additional resources this evening along with some answers to the questions that were submitted via the Google Form last night. Additionally, I've included some final reminders as we near our first day of school this Thursday, July 30!

New Video and Resource:

This evening, I taped a new video for you to review that provides a step-by-step guide to understanding and preparing students for their daily/weekly schedule as well as the steps that each student will take as they begin virtual learning. The video can be found on the Youtube Playlist that was shared yesterday ([CLICK HERE](#)). Additionally, attached is a [Schedule Template](#) for students to utilize in helping to keep themselves organized each day for digital learning.

Powerpoints From Videos #1 - #5:

Below you will find links to each of the Powerpoints that were used in Video #1 - Video #5:

[Powerpoint #1 - Introduction and Reminders](#)

[Powerpoint #2 - Communication](#)

[Powerpoint #3 - Virtual Learning Plan](#)

[Powerpoint #4 - Canvas](#)

[Powerpoint #5 - Skyward](#)

Parent Questions (and Answers) Submitted on the Google Form:

Below are the questions and responses to submitted parent questions yesterday evening. If you have additional questions, please click [HERE](#):

- **Are Macs compatible with Canvas?** While programs run differently on different computers, macs are compatible with Canvas. All staff members use Macs, so most if not all material should be compatible with Mac. That being said, all students are still able to pick up a Chromebook if they choose to do so.



If I have a computer at home, do I need to get a Chromebook? No. Students are not required to get a Chromebook if they have access at home.

- **Where will the links be located for Zoom meetings for teachers to take attendance?** On each course's Canvas page, teachers will have a link that is listed for students to join live instruction. For some teachers, this link will be a single link that they always use. Other teachers may elect to use a new link for each period. Regardless, students should ALWAYS start their class periods on Canvas and follow the instructions provided there.
- **What will students be doing in beginning orchestra/band since they won't have instruments?** Students will be focused on general music education and theory primarily. Students will spend time reviewing instruments, beats/rhythms, and a variety of other music concepts.
- **How will bathroom breaks work?** Students will be able to use the restroom as needed during class without asking for permission. We expect students to exercise their best judgement in regards to their needs while at home.

Material Distribution Reminder:

This is one final reminder that material pick-up will be this Wednesday (Tomorrow) between 12:00pm - 6:00pm. Students who already have access to a Chromebook and do not need an instrument or hard copy of their schedule DO NOT need to attend. More information can be found by reviewing the details in July 24th's parent communication which can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

As always, thank you for your continued support and remember that, "Today, like every day, is a great day to be a Falcon."

Respectfully,

Steven Pelych

Principal - Northview Middle School

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