

Dear Families,

In the last few days, we have experienced a lot of success with learning and turning in assignments through GoogleClassrooms -- and some hiccups and obstacles! This is really normal, as we navigate entirely new waters, together. What is most impressive is not, necessarily, the successes we have seen, but rather that we continue to try, care, and support each other through the hard parts.

We are in this together and we have to help each other through. That is what families do!

So, if you or your child is struggling with a lesson or format, with GoogleClassrooms, or an assignment, please take a breath, say a prayer and give it your best shot. That may mean giving it a break for a while. If you are still having trouble, reach out to the teacher for help. It is going to be really normal in the next few days to begin to experience some conflict -- we are past the "hooray!" of -- it works, and now are on the to the reality of work and learning that is pushing your student to grow. We can do this!

Many students and parents are concerned about grading. There is a learning curve for this, too. Teachers are trying to figure out what they may use to assess learning and can use for grades during this time. This will be trial and error as well. Assessments will need to look different than they do in class, because we are learning together differently and on a different platform. This may take some thinking, learning, and conversation for the teachers to figure out what is best for their content, and they may need to adjust as they go along.

Please tell your children that, while we expect best effort, we will be looking out for them. In the scheme of things, grades are actually quite low on the priority list right now. Teachers may be using a "reasonable best effort" approach to some grades at this time. We will be extending extra grace for technical issues. We will be available to help -- via GoogleHangouts and e-mail. We definitely want students to be giving their best, but we do not want a poor grade to discourage and derail them.

I have asked teachers to put some boundaries around their time while we are away from school, too. They have been working crazy hours to set things up and to communicate the best they can, and they continue to monitor and plan from home. Please give them the grace to respond the next day if necessary, as many of them are parents, too.

Thanks be to God for Spring Break!

**Next Learning Drop:** Monday, April 6 at noon.

**Next Assignment Due Date:** Friday, March 27

**New Announcements:**

- **From Interfaith Shelter Group:** The Interfaith Shelter is still operating with a limited staff. Let's plan to pray for them and their residents Thursday at 4:00. If the tech works, we can gather at google hangouts. If your tech doesn't let you, we will know we are all praying together while sheltering in place. Thanks for your continued commitment to reaching out to those who need our help. Prayer is a real and vital way we can stay connected. Hope to see you Thursday at 4. Link to the hangout: <https://hangout.google.com/group/1VrZiT1ESuGEvr6y9>

### Repeat Announcements:

- **GoogleClassroom Assignment Issues:** Some students have been having issues submitting assignments in GoogleClassroom. We are really pushing all kids to submit through GoogleClassroom because it organizes the work for the teachers and has functions that allow them to provide direct feedback. With that said, we are here to work with you, and understand when technical glitches happen! Please reach out to your teacher if this is the case, so we can problem solve with you. Your student will not be penalized for these issues! Here are the troubleshooting tips our wonderful teachers have compiled!
  - Make sure that the student is only signed into their myjacs account. Sign out of all other e-mail accounts in the browser.
  - Try again a few hours later.
  - Use a desktop, laptop, or iPad instead of smartphone. (If taking a picture on your smartphone, e-mail it to yourself, save to your computer, then attach.)
  - Copy and paste into a GoogleDoc or GoogleSlides, and then link that document to the assignment instead of trying to attach.
  - Mrs. Nowinski also found this great help video: [How to Turn In Work on Google Classroom](#)
- Please make sure you have registered in FACTS! We are working hard to plan for next year -- there will be a next year! Here is [the link](#)
- **Last Call!** LC Advantage applications for current juniors, rising seniors may be submitted through this Wednesday, March 25. Please use [this link](#). You do not need to do anything other than complete this link.
- **Course Registration Completion for All Grades;** now due Wednesday, March 25:
  - If you have a completed course registration form at home, take a picture or scan it and send it to [afleming@myjacs.org](mailto:afleming@myjacs.org).
  - If you do not have a form at home, [here is a link](#) to the blank course registration forms and the course list for you to print and use.
  - If you are not able to take a picture or scan, please send an email to Mrs. Fleming with your student's name and course choices listed out.

### What We are Working on for Our Next Updates:

- Even More Service Hour Opportunities

- Tips for successful online learning! Shared, courtesy a parent!

In the Light of Christ,

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