

## **Moving Forward: At-Home Digital Learning for Solon Middle School Students Beginning April 6**

As we communicated during Spring Break, the week of April 6 will begin our next phase of at-home learning for Solon students. This message contains several important pieces of information to ensure your student at Solon Middle School can access all necessary learning materials, lessons, assignments and assessments.

We are maintaining learning for students, but this will not be an exact replica of the day they experienced at school. We understand the challenges families are experiencing and appreciate your partnership as we embark together on a fuller implementation of learning at home for students.

This week, March 30 – April 3, SMS students continue the posted assignments on teacher websites and Google Classrooms as announced at the beginning of the mandated school closure.

### **Solon Middle School Remote Learning**

Solon Middle School students will see lessons posted in their teachers' Google Classrooms each school day. Students will watch video lessons presented by their teachers, who will explain the concepts, assist with guided practice problems, and outline independent practice. The practice problems will be completed and submitted within their teacher's Google Classroom. This is the same format students have been using all year.

Students will be earning grades for all of their classes this quarter. As part of their learning, they will be working on collaborative projects, but not engaging in team tests. All assessments will be individual and taken on easy to access and familiar assessment platforms, such as Edulastic and Google Forms. Teachers will provide explicit instructions and support to be sure students are aware and confident about how to access these assessments from home. Additionally, all assessments will have a 24-hour completion window for flexibility as we know some family schedules have been significantly disrupted.

Please make sure your child accesses each of his or her teachers' Google Classrooms for their class periods 1-8.

### **Getting Full At-Home Digital Learning Started - Accessing Google Classroom**

All SMS students already use Google Classroom. If your child has difficulty accessing a Google Classroom, please have him or her contact the teacher directly. A Google Classroom tutorial is posted below for additional help.

Parent/Student Tutorial to Enter Google Classroom:

<https://www.solonschools.org/cms/lib/OH01814653/Centricity/Domain/4/Classroom.pdf>

### **Connecting Teachers and Students – Office Hours and Feedback**

All of us at Solon Middle School miss our students. We also have heard from families that students miss their teachers and classmates. We want to make sure we give opportunities for our students to connect with their teachers.

If students need help with assignments or understanding concepts, or if there is something impeding their ability to access the learning (including if they become ill), they should contact their teachers any time via email and especially during office hours. Teachers will provide feedback on students' work through Google Classroom. Here are the planned office hours for each SMS department for each day school is in session:

Health/PE:	9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Language Arts:	9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Social Studies:	10 a.m. – Noon
World Language:	10 a.m. – Noon
Math:	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Fine Arts:	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Science:	Noon – 2 p.m.
Guidance:	Noon – 2 p.m.
Special education:	Two hours daily as communicated by the interventionist to the student/family
Administrators:	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

As always, teachers and other school staff members are available via email or Google Classroom to respond to questions from students (and parents). Families can expect a reply within 24 hours.

## **Technology Access at Home**

Moving fully to a digital platform may present significant challenges for some of our families. Please be sure to contact me ([scotthatteberg@solonboe.org](mailto:scotthatteberg@solonboe.org)) immediately if you do not have Internet access at home so the school can put a plan in place for your child's continued learning at home.

Chromebook exchange/repair will continue on Mondays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each week at Arthur Road School. Please have your child complete the Chromebook Exchange/Repair form prior to heading over to Arthur Road. Public health recommended social distancing measures will be in place for the exchange.

Chromebook Exchange/Repair form: <https://forms.gle/gVALui2qnjbKBvw66>

## **Additional Chromebook/Materials Pick-Up Opportunity**

If your child forgot his or her Chromebook or other important items at school, such as an instrument, please contact me at [scotthatteberg@solonboe.org](mailto:scotthatteberg@solonboe.org) to arrange for a time for your student to pick up the items.

## **Events and Spring Sports**

The Governor has extended the mandated school closure through at least May 1. There are still many uncertainties about the full length of the closure and the continuation of critical social distancing measures. As we know more and are able to make specific decisions about individual events, we will make you aware of those changes. For spring sports, our athletic department has been in contact with the Ohio High School Athletic Association, which also governs our middle school sports, and no final decisions have yet been made. Please be sure that your child understands that student athletes should

not be practicing in groups, training in groups or getting together to play in accordance with public health recommendation for social distancing.

## **Thank You!**

A big thank you goes to all of you as we prepare this next phase in your child's education. Please be sure to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. We will continue to give you more details and reminders in the weeks ahead.

Scott Hatteberg, Solon Middle School Principal