



Neshaminy School District

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Neshaminy School District *Student Learning Opportunities Phase 3*

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Dear Neshaminy Elementary Families,

The Coronavirus Pandemic continues to impact all of us. Thank you for your continued support during these unprecedented times. Based on Governor Wolf's announcement yesterday to extend school closures (indefinitely), we will be moving to Phase 3: Online Instruction. Online Instruction will begin Monday, April 13, 2020.

We have provided students with Online Learning Opportunities during Phase 1 and 2 (www.neshaminy.org/eslearning) over the past two weeks. We encourage students to continue participating in the Learning Opportunities until we begin formal Online Instruction. Learning Opportunities in Phase 1 and 2 were optional; Online Instruction in Phase 3 will not be optional.

Students will be expected to participate in the Online Instruction and their attendance will be monitored through participation. In addition, your child's teacher will provide feedback for work completed and progress will be monitored throughout this phase and will be reflected on the Trimester 3 Progress Reports.

As part of the planning for Phase 3, teachers and administrators are developing standards aligned lessons in content and department teams to ensure consistency across our District and each grade. In addition, our Special Education and Gifted teachers are working on required replacement courses as well as modifications and/or accommodations to meet individual learning needs and outcomes.

In addition to planning consistent lessons, we have decided to move to a consistent Learning Management System, Canvas, for all elementary students. Canvas is a new platform for elementary, but it will allow everything to be kept in one place for students and families. Think of Canvas a "One Stop Shop." All lessons, assignments, links, communication, etc. will be within Canvas.

By moving to Canvas, students and parents will not have to navigate to multiple locations to complete daily Online Instruction. To assist in the transition to this new platform, next week we will release a Parent and Student Orientation for Canvas. This orientation will provide an overview of Canvas as well as explain how to navigate the new platform before we begin Online Instruction. We will only use Canvas during Phase 3; teachers will not use Seesaw or Google Classroom to assign work.

When Online Instruction begins on April 13, 2020, students will be expected to participate in daily lessons and activities (Math, ELA, Social Studies, Science, and Specials) each day. Each lesson will be provided using an asynchronous approach, so when your child completes the daily activities can be based on what works for your family each day. Each lesson is planned to take approximately thirty minutes per content/special area.

Teachers will hold “office hours” during the school day between 8-4 and will detail their specific availability for their students. If these hours are not conducive/convenient, then responses to questions/concerns can be emailed separately to the teacher.

As we move to online instruction, there is still time to request a device from the District. Please click on the link to complete the survey request (<http://www.neshaminy.org/chromebook>).

We are aware that this may not be the most important goal many of our families are currently facing. We have counselors and social workers available to assist with any issue you are facing and or need assistance or guidance navigating. Although education is important, the health and safety of each family needs to come first.

Additional communication will be provided over the next week to include additional details and Canvas Orientation. We ask that you continue to be patient during this time of uncertainty, and know that our overall goal remains to help our students successfully reach the end of the school year while remaining healthy.

Thank you,

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