



Neshaminy School District

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We Build Futures

Good Afternoon Neshaminy Secondary Students and Parents,

My apologies for interrupting Passover and Easter Celebrations...but just a 'quick' update on some details regarding the opening of Online Instruction in Canvas on Monday.

Commonwealth's Closing of School for the Year:

We received the information about the same time the media received it. What does it mean for Neshaminy? Simply put, we will not be having traditional school as we know it for the remainder of the school year. What it doesn't mean is we are locking our doors and leaving until September.

First, Neshaminy's Phase 3 Continuation of Instruction was designed for the long-term closure of traditional schooling under unclear community and family circumstances. No, it's not the same quality of what happened in our schools, classrooms and hallways every day under normal circumstances as nothing can replace face-to-face interaction. However, students will learn and progress through the Neshaminy Curriculum if they follow the process we have put in place.

Second, we aren't walking away from our students and all those "right-of-passage" type events we celebrate as a society. While some events will ultimately be lost, we haven't crossed them off the list as of yet. Proms, Yearbooks, Graduation, Ceremonies, we know what they are; unfortunately, we have no way to develop any form of contingency plans under the present circumstances. We ask for your patience as we all "wait and see" what the next weeks/months bring.

Suddenly a lot of emails and reminders!

I realize you are now getting lots of emails, calls and reminders from lots of people. Let me explain. For the past month, we've asked school principals and individual teachers to minimize communication so we could develop and communicate the Neshaminy Plan to you from the District-level. During that time, principals and teachers worked to develop the online instruction your children will experience beginning on Monday, April 13. On Wednesday of last week, we shifted the "Command and Control" back to individual schools, principals and teachers where it belongs, setting them free to do what they do best. Neshaminy is a great district because of the excellence of each individual school, the work in individual classrooms and the interactions in individual hallways every day.

Student / Parent Logistical Questions and Support

Each school has established a main phone number and email contact to address parent and student questions and concerns. Please do not hesitate to call or email us your questions. We stand ready to assist you.

Neshaminy High School	215-809-6100
Maple Point Middle School	215-809-6230
Poquessing Middle School	215-809-6210
Sandburg Middle School	215-809-6220

If the above contacts don't respond in a timely manner, please call me on my direct line at 215-809-6512. This number rings on my cell phone. (Thank you NSD IT Department!)

Parent Observer on Canvas

How do you see what your kid has to do in Canvas? Become a Parent Observer. It's easy! Please follow the instructions below. If you have difficulty, call us for assistance.



Creating a Parent/Observer Account

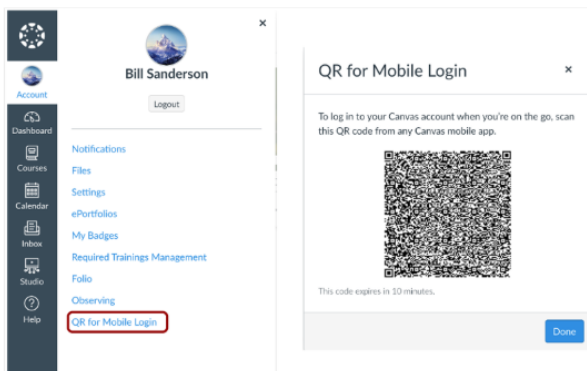
Parents have the ability to view their students' course content (assignment due dates, assignments, course modules, etc.) by creating a Parent/Observer account.

- [How do I sign up for a Canvas account as a parent?](#)
- [How does a student generate a pairing code?](#)
- [How do I link a student to my user account as an observer?](#)

Once you are an observer, you can easily access a QR code for the Mobile Login link.

First, download the Canvas Parent App on your phone.

When observers are in Canvas, their User Navigation Menu includes a QR for Mobile Login link. This link generates a QR code:



Parent Observer Instructions at:

<https://neshaminy.instructure.com/courses/15960/pages/canvas-parent-getting-started>

Canvas Parent App

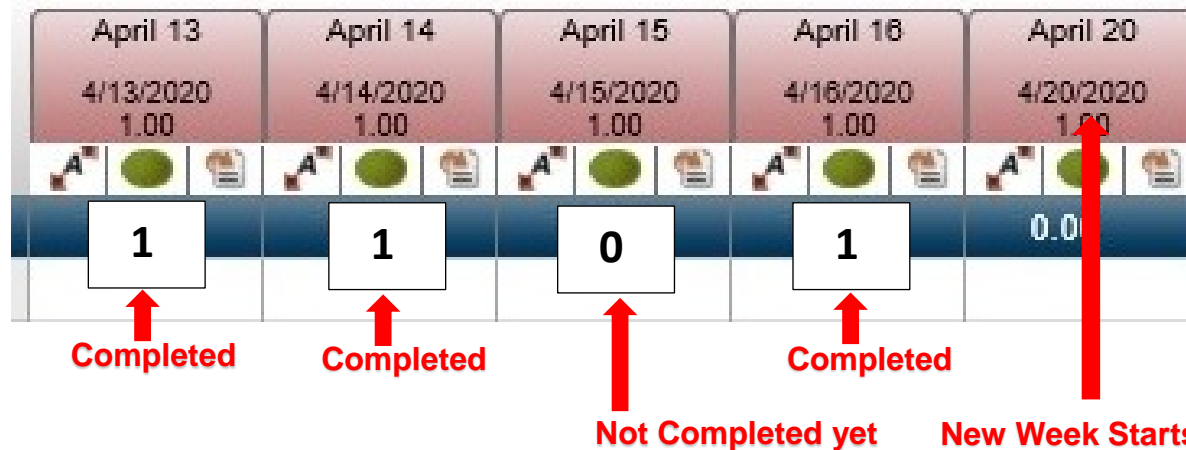
At the Secondary Level, we are not encouraging parent usage of the Canvas Parent App for a number of reasons.

1. The App Gradebook view may not be accurate, please use Home Access.
2. App Calendar of Assignments may not be accurate, please use Parent Observer View.
3. App Communication creates multiple paths and confusion, please use teacher email.

I'll spare you the rationale and detail of the Why's and the What For's on this one. Bottom Line, please become a Parent Observer in Canvas instead of using the Canvas Parent App.

Monitoring Student Progress

As you know, Marking Period 4 will be graded as (S)atisfactory or (I)ncomplete. Each day, Monday through Thursday, students will earn a Participation Point for completing the necessary activities in each class/course. (Classes/Courses that don't meet daily, have a weekly participation plan.) On Fridays, teachers will update student participation for the week in the Home Access Center reflecting one point for participation each day.



Please note, the Canvas Grade Center in some cases will not accurately reflect participation. Please refer to Home Access weekly to monitor your child's participation.

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Can students "make-up" work missed from a previous week? Sigh...Yes, but let's not take advantage of it.

What's the overall participation percentage needed to earn a (S)atisfactory for Marking Period 4? That bar has yet to be set definitively. Let's go with 100% for the moment as daily participation is the expectation. 😊

As with anything new, there will be glitches, hiccups, miscommunications and unforeseen miscues, we will work through each throughout the week.

Again, thank you for your patience and support. I believe you will find that the Neshaminy Staff has developed an outstanding Online Learning Environment reflecting the uniqueness of the Neshaminy Curriculum and individual classes/courses.

Enjoy the rest of your weekend.

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Next Family Fun Activity

"Heads-Up" Game App



Download it and laugh at your parents!

