



# Neshaminy School District

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Good Evening Neshaminy Secondary Students and Parents,

I hope this email finds you and your family well. Below is the 'next episode' in the continuation of learning plan in Neshaminy as it stands today given the existing information.

## **1. What's the "Big Picture" for the continuation of learning?**

It's difficult to paint such a picture without knowing the extent and duration of the Pandemic...

That being said, beginning Monday, March 23, we are moving beyond the Broad Exploratory Learning Opportunities presented in Phase 1 of the COVID-19 School Closure.

Tomorrow begins Phase 2 which involves Grade Level/Course Specific Learning Opportunities in the Core Areas of Math, English, Social Studies and Science.

### **Phase 1: Week of March 16**

#### *Broad Exploratory Learning Opportunities*

Elementary Grades K - 4:

[www.neshaminy.org/eslearning](http://www.neshaminy.org/eslearning)

Middle School Grades 5 - 8:

[www.neshaminy.org/mslearning](http://www.neshaminy.org/mslearning)

High School Grades 9 – 12:

[www.neshaminy.org/hslearning](http://www.neshaminy.org/hslearning)

### **Phase 2: Week of March 23 and beyond**

#### *Grade Level & Content/Course Specific Learning Opportunities*

Delivered via the Canvas Platform

### **Phase 3: Week of April 13, if necessary**

We are working on it... give us some time.

## 2. “What are “Learning Opportunities?”

A Learning Opportunity is an independent activity that reinforces prior knowledge, introduces new knowledge or deepens existing knowledge in a particular Subject/Course.

### **Learning Opportunities:**

- Are voluntary for students (Unless parents make completion involuntary)
- Are not the continuation of classroom instruction
- Are not teacher-led
- Are self-paced, independent activities
- Are activities that will each take roughly 15 – 30 minutes.
- Could review past material, introduce new material, or material in the realm of social emotional learning
- Will not be graded
- Are not sequenced, and for the most part, do not have to be completed in a particular order

## 3. **Phase 2: Beginning Monday, March 23:** *Grade Level & Content/Course Specific Learning Opportunities*

Each student in Grades 5 – 12 has been enrolled in the Canvas Course called “Neshaminy Learning Opportunities.” In this course, students will find 15-30 minute activities specific to their Grade Level in each of the Core Areas of Math, English, Social Studies and Science. Moreover, the full range of Grade 5 through Grade 12 Learning Opportunities are available to all. So if a 7<sup>th</sup> Grader wants to explore Grade 10 English, it’s available to them. If a Junior at NHS wants to review Proportionality in 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math, it’s there as well. Over the course of the next few weeks, we will add activities in some of the existing Modules along with additional Modules in the Elective/Special areas.

There will probably be some glitches/hiccups with this roll-out; again, thank you for your patience as we work through them.



**4. “How do we access this New Canvas Course full of Learning Opportunities for Grades 5 -12?”**

Students should Log In to Canvas using their normal credentials at <https://neshaminy.instructure.com/login/> (Parents might wish to “acquire” these credentials from their child as well.) Students will (should) see an Invitation to “Join” a new course called “Neshaminy Learning Opportunities.” Accept the invitation, then click the Neshaminy Learning Opportunities Course Icon (see above). From there, simply explore the activities in each module listed and proceed in an order of your choosing.

Attached please find a Video (without Audio) giving a brief tour of the New Course.

**5. “How much should my child be doing each day?”**

Honestly, it's up to you. We don't pretend to know how this situation is impacting your life, family and home. The Pandemic will impact each Neshaminy Family differently. While the continuation of K-12 education is very important, it may not be the most important priority facing your family at the moment. Moreover, individual family priorities may change significantly in the short-term future as circumstances continue to unfold daily. There are many issues that out-weigh a temporary interruption in education. Hence, one of the main reasons of the voluntary, ungraded nature of the Learning Opportunities.

Regardless, a Rule of Thumb for those looking for guidance. One activity a day in each area (Math, English, Science and Social Studies) for 4 days a week, Monday - Thursday. Over the “3-day weekend,” spend 30 minutes investigating one of the Broad, Exploratory Opportunities listed in Phase 1 above.

**6. “Wait, I understand the above but my child’s teacher(s) are pushing activities out through his/her Normal Canvas Courses too. We are confused!”**

Understandable. A number of teachers are using their individual Canvas Course to provide their individual classes with more tailored Learning Opportunities along with staying connected with students in their classes in a supportive manner. This is a good thing and presents students with additional opportunities to interact and remain educationally engaged. A Student may choose to do what is being pushed out by his/her individual teachers or the District-wide Learning Opportunities in the New Canvas Course or both (or neither ☹).

Please do not hesitate to call if you have questions.

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