



Parkway Christian School

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Dear MS/HS Parents and Students,

We have just completed our third week of online learning! Let's take a few moments to remember...

This is not the same as traditional school.

This is not the same as homeschooling.

This is not the same as standard online learning.

This is a time of global crisis and as such...

Our teachers are crisis teaching.

Our students are crisis learning.

Our parents are crisis managing.

Acknowledging the stress we are all under is necessary as we move forward. Give your teacher, your student and yourselves grace; we are all doing our best in this new normal.

Personally, I have not yet fully wrapped my mind around the reality that I won't see the students for the rest of the school year. If I pause to think about it, it brings tears to my eyes. I miss the hallway banter and the lunchroom noise. Even the write-ups! And, there have been entirely too many casual days at this point! :)

Truly, I cannot wait until we are able to gather again.

It is our goal to best meet the needs of our Parkway community, and as such, we have been and will continue to be in a constant state of re-evaluation of our online learning environment. Please take a moment to review the following updates:

Teaching Procedures

- Daily teaching content will be posted by 9:00 am
 - With the exception of timed assessments - specific testing information will be communicated with students as needed and prior to test date
- Teachers are creating videos to cover new instruction; watching these lessons is imperative for student success and continued learning. These concise and on demand videos are available for viewing at the students' convenience.
- Common due time of 9:00am for all assignments
 - This means something assigned on Monday would be due Tuesday at 9:00 am or a subsequent day at 9:00am for longer assignments
- Official teacher work hours will be 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

- If a student reaches out in the evening, they might not hear back until the morning

Grading Policies

- Effective 4/20 a late policy will be in effect through the remainder of the year
 - Teachers have provided grace during this transition time by accepting late work with no grade penalty; however, the following policy will be in effect moving forward:

On Time	1-2 Days Late	3-4 Days Late	5 Days Late	6 or more Days Late
No Penalty	-10%	-25%	-50%	No Credit

We will NOT have final exams for the second semester

- We are reviewing different grading procedures for the Second Semester Grade
 - We acknowledge there is a learning curve to a new process for learning and we have each and every students' success, best interest, and continued learning in mind
 - More information will be communicated as we determine the best course of action

Student Engagement

- Zoom meetings are optional in an effort to recognize the many different experiences of our students; maybe you are helping watch a younger sibling, maybe you are device sharing and it is difficult to attend a zoom. We understand and we care. Because we care, we would like to stress the importance of attending zoom meetings for two reasons:
 - Zoom meetings can be a positive mental health tool. It creates a time of personal connection. This social interaction is important.
 - Teachers might be using zoom as a time to review or answer questions in an effort to solidify student learning. This academic piece is important.
- We are all working hard to make sure students are connected and invested. We have created a document to help us effectively reach out to anyone who we have not laid eyes on or who seemed off in a meeting so that we can follow up with them to see how they are doing.
- Students - if you are struggling, please reach out! Parents - if you or your student is struggling, please reach out! Feel free to let your teacher or another staff member know and make us aware of anything we can do to help.
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General Updates

- 8th Grade Move-Up

- While we will not be able to have our traditional move-up day, we are planning a time to allow our 8th grade students to interact with current students and teachers in a virtual environment.
- Last Day of School
 - 6th-11th grade will end on **May 29, 2020**
 - **Seniors' last day will be May 8, 2020:** We pray that this adjustment is a blessing to you!
- Spring Sports Registration
 - Those who already paid registration fees will receive a refund
- There is a lot of content being provided and accommodations being made amidst this crisis. Here is something to check out for Juniors and Seniors.
 - Michigan State University is offering free courses:
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-budget>
- This is a time to lean more into our relationship with the Lord than ever before. If you are looking for resources, check out YouVersion Bible reading plans.
 - The following is a three week series created by Hillsong, London:
 - <https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/18889>
 - <https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/18949>
 - <https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/19077>
 - Our students had their first on demand Chapel service this week. You can watch it by clicking the link below:
 - <https://youtu.be/L6rUMi-5L3U>

As we make our way into Spring Break, I find it fitting that we begin with Good Friday. God is so good. He sent His son to pay the ultimate price and because of that sacrifice, we are able to have a personal relationship with our Creator. I pray that your personal relationship with the Lord is a welcomed priority and focus during this time.

May the Lord bless your homes. I pray that family relationships grow closer and deeper than ever before.

He is Risen!

In Christ,

Jennie Brady

MS/HS Principal