



# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST SALEM

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Dear West Salem Middle School Families,

We begin the year in an Online Learning format from September 1 – 11. Our daily schedule has been attached and can be found on our website under “COVID – 19 UPDATES” [HERE](#). Attendance will be taken every period in this format. As communicated prior, our students will zoom into class for live interactive instruction from our teachers. Technology handout took place yesterday and went very well. Thank you for your participation in that process.

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, we start our Blended Learning format. Our alphabetic split for student in person learning has been communicated out prior and that schedule is also provided as an attachment and will be on our website at the same link above. Below are some of our expectations and communication regarding the software utilized to support instruction.

## Google Classroom

- *Answers the question: What are they doing in class?*
- *Our teachers will provide consistency in how we post for students.*
- *Content will be posted the night before by 5pm.*
- [Google Classroom Tips](#) . This link is also on our website under “Families.”

## Homework Hotline

- *Answers the question: What is the assignment/activity/homework?*
- *Also includes the Zoom link for each teacher.*
- *Plans will be entered for the entire following week by Sunday night at 5pm.*
- [Homework Hotline](#) . This link is also on our website under “Families.”

## Skyward

- *Answers the question: What grade did they receive on the assessment?*
- *Late work turned in by Thursday will be graded on Fridays.*
- *Skyward will be updated and current by 3:30 on Fridays.*

## Technology Support, Help and Questions

Students (or their parent/guardian) that experience an issue with their iPad or laptop should use the information on our website (see below) to contact the Technology Team for help.

[Browse our website > Schools > Select your School > Students > Helpdesk](#)

## Other Questions?

[Browse our website > Families > Technology Help](#) for FAQ's and up-to-the-date District technology information during the current school closing.

We have a flexible plan in place to continue the learning and growth of our students regardless of circumstances we cannot control. Our district-issued devices allow our students to work from home and continue learning if necessary in the future. Grades will be given for assignments and assessments. Staff will respond to emails within 24 hours, excluding weekends. We look forward to partnering with you in the education and support of your children. We can't wait to see them again!

Proud to Be a Panther,

Ben Wopat

Principal

West Salem Middle School