



March 29, 2020

Dear Middle School Students and Families,

Since Governor DeWine’s cancellation of school we have been consumed trying to find the means to provide for your continued education and maintaining your safety. Teachers and administrators will spend time this week developing and rolling out a new on-line platform with which your instruction will be delivered for the duration of this school cancellation.

On-Line Learning for 6th-8th grade students

On Monday April 6th at 8:00 a.m. instruction will be transitioning for all students in grades 6th-8th to the Microsoft Office 365 TEAMS platform! While most of our teachers and students have continued with instruction via various apps such as REMIND, the use of the website and paper/pencil since March 23rd, we will now see all instruction taking place through the TEAMS platform for all core subjects. TEAMS is a cloud-based program where students will access their digital schoolhouse with a username and password unique to them. When logged in, students will have access to links of reach of their classes, learning activities and assessments, instructional materials, and learning community with the teacher and other students.

What families and students can expect from our on-line lesson delivery is for each of our core classes (math, ELA, science and social studies) to go live on April 6th. The special courses (PE, art, music and technology) will continue to be found on the district website. This week, students will have four assignments and one assessment to complete and “turn-in” for each of their classes. This staggered rollout will aid staff and families in trouble shooting any issues and to get familiar with the platform in a manageable manner. Your child’s teachers will be available on-line for support Monday – Friday from noon – 3:00 pm. If you don’t have a device at home from which this work can be completed, please call your child’s school at the number below, based on the PK-8 School your child attends, for further directions. If you also need access to the internet, contact Spectrum Cable at 1-844-488-8395 for information on their free WiFi offer to households with K-12 students.

Jefferson	330-675-6963
Lincoln	330-373-4503
McGuffey	330-675-6983
Willard	330-675-8703

On-line Learning Programs

Beginning, Monday April 6th a variety of on-line resources will become available to support student learning. The most critical supports are our Math (CPM), English Language Arts (My Perspectives), and Social Studies (McGraw-Hill) textbooks which are accessible digitally. The links to these materials, and other academic support sites are again available as each building icon at www.warrenschools.org. Your unique login information was sent via mail the week of March 23rd.



Raider Pantry & Lunch Feeding

Just a reminder that lunch bags are being offered daily from 11:00am – 1:00pm at each PK-8 School, and 14 community feeding sites. Students, feel free to grab a bit to go and say hello to your favorite lunch lady and liaison. I also want to inform families that items from our Raider Pantry are also available on a grab and go basis.

To Do:

1. At 8:00 a.m. Monday April 6th log on to your Office 365 account and open the TEAMS app for our on-line lesson delivery.
2. Call us at (building line) with any questions or if you need direction accessing technology
3. Visit us from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for a lunch bag and go at the Raider Pantry
4. To help students and parents get familiar with Office 365, please refer to the links below:

[Distance Learning with Office 365](https://bit.ly/3dF7Rye) or type: bit.ly/3dF7Rye in web browser

[How to Use Assignment in Office 365](https://bit.ly/3bwsnyX) or type: bit.ly/3bwsnyX in web browser

[How to Turn in an Assignment](https://bit.ly/2JnI9RW) or type: bit.ly/2JnI9RW in web browser

[Module 1: Getting Started](https://bit.ly/2vVABSd) or type: bit.ly/2vVABSd in web browser

[Office 365 Support](https://bit.ly/3dDQdKU) or type: bit.ly/3dDQdKU in web browser

Educationally,

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