



# Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District

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Dear Faculty and Staff,

Thank you for your continued efforts to stay connected with our students and to keep them engaged in learning during this uncertain time. We recognize the phone calls made, online meetings held, professional development in which you have participated, emails you have sent, and the hours you have spent searching for instructionally sound digital materials while at the same time learning new instructional platforms. You had a short amount of time to transition into this new reality, while simultaneously meeting the changing needs of your own families. This takes flexibility, a growth-mindset, and a commitment to meeting the needs of our students.

Last Monday, the Remote Learning Dashboard was launched for the purpose of having one access point for students and families. We wanted to make it easier for them to know what platforms are being used and by whom, as well how to access those. While the expectation is that new learning is to be updated weekly, that may look different depending on how you have structured your online learning experiences for students. Some of you may be updating Google Classroom on a daily or weekly basis; whereas, others may be adding additional resource links to the Remote Learning Dashboard.

### New Instruction

You may move forward with new instruction and are encouraged to continue providing lessons based on your curriculum. Some ideas may include but are not limited to the following: posting instructional videos of you teaching, uploading new material and then providing contact information in case students have questions, preparing slideshows, providing access to online texts, and holding virtual classes online via Google Meet/Hangouts or Zoom. You should have received a Zoom activation email from Melissa Daniels on 4/14/20 regarding how to set up your Zoom account and comply with security protocols. Please refer to that email if you have any questions regarding the use of Zoom. Additionally, CiTi BOCES will be providing training this week, and you can sign up using the links below.

Monday 4/20	Tuesday 4/21	Wednesday 4/22	Thursday 4/23	Friday 4/24
8am: <a href="#">Scheduling Zoom Meetings</a>	8am: <a href="#">Zoom Meeting Features</a>	8am: <a href="#">Scheduling Zoom Meetings</a>	8am: <a href="#">Zoom Meeting Features</a>	Click on <a href="#">Zoom Office Hours</a> 9-12 and 1-3  Office hours are set aside for specific and/or more advanced zoom questions.
10am: <a href="#">Zoom Safety</a>	10am: <a href="#">Managing Meeting Participants</a>	10am: <a href="#">Zoom Safety</a>	10am: <a href="#">Managing Meeting Participants</a>	
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**Grading**

Assessment of student learning during this time should be formative and not result in a grade. To assign a grade when we cannot ensure that all students have access to devices, materials, support, and differentiation would be unethical. However, this is a great opportunity to provide students with feedback that specifically focuses on their understanding of the learning targets.

As a reminder, grades for Marking Period 3 should reflect only the learning through March 13<sup>th</sup>. Students will have the opportunity to make up MP3 work through June 1. Grades for Marking Period 4 will not be numeric. We are working with CNYRIC and SchoolTool to best capture and convey that information. There will be more to come on this as soon as possible.

**Devices and Internet Access**

Thank you for reaching out to families to help us determine who needed (or may still need) devices. Administration is distributing devices and will continue to do so as needed. For those without internet access, WiFi is available in our parking lots within close proximity to the buildings.

Again, thank you for all that you are doing right now to continue to provide learning experiences for our students. More importantly, your connection with them right now is critical and most likely means more to them than you will ever know!

Sincerely,  
*Naomi Ryfun*