

6th-8th Grade Procedures and Expectations for Distance Learning at Shell Bank

- Distance Learning will start on Monday, 3/23/2020 for all of our students.
- During this school transition, it is important that we implement an online learning program that will allow our teachers to continue their instruction on a daily basis. As a Google School our faculty will deliver lessons, assignments, and projects predominantly via Google Classroom. It is very important that students keep pace with instruction and with assignments.
- These are important points for students and parents. Online classes are in session from 7:45 AM until 2:05 PM Monday through Friday.
- Students must check Google Classroom pages for assignments that teachers have posted or announcements that they have made.
- Attendance will be based on the student's ability to complete all the assignments for the school day.
- Assignments must be submitted via Google Classroom as prescribed by the teacher.
- Students should be checking Google Classroom and email multiple times a day. Communication with teachers during this time is essential for success. Students and families can use our Remind or Google Classroom platforms for assistance.
- Teachers will count assignments completed during this time as grades towards the third quarter. Formative and summative assessments will be given at the teacher's discretion.
- Students are expected to approach this time at home as if they are in school. By that we mean that they must follow a daily schedule, follow the guidelines for behavior that we have outlined for them, and during school hours, be in contact with teachers and classmates to learn new material. They should not view these days as days off.
- Please do not hesitate to contact the administration with any questions that arise.

Important information for parents our 6th-8th graders

+ Help your child keep to established routines, including what time they go to bed and what time they wake up.

+ Establish a location for your child to complete remote learning assignments and live online sessions; ideally this should not be a bedroom, and should be away from a television.

+ Ensure your child takes reasonable breaks and has some screen-free time each day.

+Ask your child how it is going, and encourage them to reach out to the appropriate faculty member if needed. Staff are available through the Remind App to assist the students as needed.

+ If your child will not be able to engage in online learning for a given day, please notify their teachers through Remind.

+ Please visit our website at www.ShellBankjhs.org for accurate information about our response to the coronavirus outbreak, as well as some useful tips regarding online instruction. This page will also be updated with new information to facilitate clear and effective communication between all our constituents.

+There are two things which we have to commit to do during this very tough time.

Communication has to be a priority first. Please tell your child that it is important to keep up with online instructions to check their emails and respond to emails in a timely fashion. If they struggle with something, our faculty, including Ms. DeVito, Ms. Turchiano, and myself, are available to assist in whatever way we can.

+Second, we need to be flexible. For all of us this is uncharted territory.... students, parents, teachers, and administrators. Please let us keep that in mind as we communicate. We will all make mistakes, but we must move forward knowing that under very difficult circumstances, we are all doing the best we can.