



# Armstrong Middle School

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Dear Armstrong Families,

As you know, Governor Whitmer has closed Michigan schools for the remainder of the school year and although teachers are not able to provide in-person instruction, teaching and learning must continue. Michigan educators have been called to provide our students with continued learning. In Superintendent Walworth's video sent out on Thursday, April 2, after the governor's executive order, he indicated that Kearsley teachers are going to continue to teach for the fourth marking period and provide students with opportunities for learning. Here is our Armstrong Middle School plan during the school shutdown:

**3rd Marking Period Grades:** On April 7th, Armstrong teachers posted grades to close out the 3rd marking period that ended early on March 12.

**4th Marking Period Grades:** For the fourth marking period, students have the opportunity to complete assignments to improve their semester 2 grades. Teachers will put in grades for the 4th marking period; however, no student will receive a semester 2 grade that is lower than their 3rd marking period grade.

**Synergy Parentvue:** AMS Teachers will send an email to parents on Monday morning with an overview of the assignments for the week. Students will go to Google Classroom to see instructions, resources and assignments.

**Google Classroom:** Armstrong teachers and counselors have created Google Classrooms to post assignments and resources and will assist students with logging into Google Classroom. Your student **MUST** be logged in to their Kearsley Google Account in order to access their classrooms.

**Weekly Check-ins:** Teachers will use a variety of methods to check-in with students such as Google Forms, virtual meetings, email and phone calls. We will try to coordinate days and times for virtual meetings to reduce the possibility of an overlap. Teachers are available during the week to respond to questions and support students.

**Paper packets:** will continue to be available during food distribution times at Kearsley High School.

**Curriculum:** Teachers will focus on key 4th marking period concepts for each course and provide opportunities for practice with previously taught skills/concepts. Please have your AMS student check in with each of their classes in Google Classroom and complete assignments throughout the week. We will attempt to keep daily work to no more than 3 hours a day for our middle school students.

These certainly are unprecedented times and we all have more questions than answers. We hope that all of our Armstrong students are healthy and safe and are able to keep a focus on learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Families, thank you for supporting your student through this national crisis. We know that this is not easy. Our AMS counselors have invited students to join their Google Classroom, too. Students may get the classroom code from their teachers. We are dedicated to supporting you, so please reach out when you have questions or concerns.

Please stay at home and healthy and know, as we work remotely, together, we are committed to keeping students learning and preparing them for the next grade level.

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