

All of these links and QR codes will be posted to my website: spps.org/domain/15553. My website is a wonderful resource for you all year!

Student classes and schedules:

- Student schedules will be available on Campus on September 3rd.
- Students can use Schoology now to look at their classes.

Schoology:

- Teachers are using Schoology to run their classes. Schoology is where their teachers post lessons, homework, activities, class discussions, and all of their course content.
- Please remind your students to check their e-mails, especially during Distance Learning. It's the easiest way for teachers to reach their students. Students may not be used to checking e-mail, but they should try to get in the habit.
- Keep practicing using these DL tools and it will get easier! If you find your student is overwhelmed, or struggling with the new routine, I suggest making a checklist with different things they need to do every day to make sure they're staying in touch with their teachers and on track in their learning!
- I will be sharing a Schoology tutorial video for parents, and hosting an open information session for adults with questions on using Schoology, very soon. Stay tuned for this information. It will be shared through Remind, as well as in other ways, which leads me to--

Remind:

- Remind is a tool that I use to text families. I will use this to send out quick reminders for families! This is a helpful tool because sometimes students forget to share important information with their families--this way, the information goes straight to you!
- **Please join Remind if you are willing and able.** This is an effective way for me to communicate with all parents at once about important information. Things will still be posted and/or e-mailed, but with Remind, you will get important updates texted right to your cell phone. You don't have to worry about missing something.
- **If you do not have a cell phone or smartphone, you can still use Remind!** You can make an account on any internet-connected device (like your student's iPad) on remind.com.
 - Join codes:
 - 6th grade: k8a66gc
 - 7th grade: 742fh8
 - 8th grade: b43a4g

Calendly:

- Calendly is an app that I use to schedule virtual meetings with students and families.
- You can access Calendly on a computer, Smartphone, or on your student's iPad.
- As we get into the flow of the year, I will set up regular times for office hours. These will show up as "available" appointments.
- If none of these times work for you (they are built primarily for students to meet with me during school hours, so they definitely may not) send me an e-mail or text and we can schedule a virtual meeting that works for you! I will also host evening slots once in a while for families who aren't available during the day!

Counseling Schoology courses:

- Every student will be placed into their grade level's School Counseling Schoology course. This is where they will find counseling lessons, links, news, etc. I post a lot of important announcements here.
- I will use this page a lot to encourage social interaction among students. Participating in these activities is a great way for your students to feel more connected to their school and classmates during a stressful and isolating time.
- I will post a daily student engagement question (not required, not graded). Every student who responds to the question each day will get a raffle entry for a weekly prize drawing.
- I also post fun games, open office hours, lunch bunch meetings, Student of the Month voting ballots, etc. here. Aside from the lessons (which are required for all students in the district), they can check this for a lot of the more fun stuff too (like First Day of School Bingo!)

- Are your students eager to get started? Below is the link to their grade level's Flipgrid "Introductions" page. Every student, new or returning, is encouraged to post a quick video introducing themselves or saying hi to their classmates. This is not required or graded, but can help us all normalize the new way of learning by reminding our students that we are all in this together.
 - Grade 6: flipgrid.com/ca866136
 - Grade 7: flipgrid.com/972bef06
 - Grade 8: flipgrid.com/a926f492

Already know HPPA? Consider helping out new HPPA families:

- We have a lot of families this year who are new to our school, or new to the area. We will be pairing volunteer returning HPPA families with new HPPA families so they have a friendly connection in the school. You can connect over phone call, text, e-mail, whatever works--this should not be a big time commitment! Just someone to ask questions to as you learn about HPPA.
- If you would like to participate in this program, either as a new family or a returning volunteer, please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/ihZ8XXnaz8nmySPb6>
 - **We will not share any information with anyone until we have contacted you again, specifically and privately, asking if you are willing to help out. It's okay if you change your mind!**

Family Newsletter:

- I will be creating a monthly newsletter for HPPA MYP families. When it's published, I will share it through e-mail and will also send a text on Remind. It will contain middle school news and other fun information!

Contacting Me:

- E:mail: katherine.miller@spps.org (preferred)
- Text: 612-352-9708
 - This is not a personal cell phone number, so it will only be checked during work hours. There is a character limit, and the texts aren't received instantly unless I am logged on the app. Consider this like e-mail, but probably easier and quicker for many of you!
- These are the best two ways to reach me! We can always schedule a phone call through one of these methods, but I don't have a direct phone number at this point.