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## JPII Update #8: Distance Learning Information

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Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to distance learning through JPII!

Distance learning is not the same as in-class learning, and we are going to miss you being here, your conversations, your smiles, and laughter. But most importantly, we want you all to stay safe and healthy. As we move forward, remember we are here for you in all ways, please never hesitate to reach out.

We are beginning distance learning starting tomorrow, March 18<sup>th</sup>. **Students, tomorrow you should log into your Schoology and check into your classes for a GOLD DAY.** You are not expected to log on at a specific time. However, days will move forward as GOLD and BLUE regardless of when you log in. I recommend that you log in on the day of your class and not put it off. That way, there will be time for you to ask questions and for us to provide you with all the support you need.

Throughout this distance learning time, the school WILL NOT be monitoring students through DyKnow. **Parents, your home internet provider is now the primary source for restricting student access. You may wish to take this time to set parameters in your own home.** We will not be able to maintain those parameters from the school.

As a school, we are set up well for distance learning. Schoology is a great tool and will continue to be your main platform for communication with your teachers. Most of our course materials, like textbooks, are already online, and teachers will provide other materials as needed. We will not just be recording lessons and expecting you to watch. Your teachers will provide a variety of educational opportunities in order to learn the main objectives within each course. You may be watching a video with questions embedded. You may be contributing to class discussions in a “chat room” style format. You may be invited to a Zoom meeting to have a discussion. We do recognize that your availability may not always match the requirements of “scheduled” learning opportunities and so we will provide options to be as flexible as possible.

To award you credits, we need to know that you have learned specific objectives. We will be assessing in a variety of ways, that may or may not look like the “normal classroom test.” Again, I stress you must communicate with your teachers if your technology isn’t working, if your family situation prevents you from having access at certain times, or if you are uncertain how to join a

Zoom meeting or open a chat session. In all these circumstances, your first move should be to reach out to your teacher.

Attached you will find [JPPI's Distance Learning Plan](#). There is a lot of information that will help give structure to your learning experience. Please take the time to read over the document. **Now that we have transitioned to a distance learning format, it's imperative that we also remember and follow [JPPI's technology use agreement](#).** I have also attached that document for your review. Beyond that agreement, I urge you to take extra care as you engage online. Remember that regardless of how we are learning or where, we are all still members of the JPPI community and should continue to show one another the welcome and care that is the hallmark of our school.

We love you all, we pray for your health and safety and that of your families, and we look forward to heading out on this new adventure with you.

Blessings,



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Principal