



Parent Guide to School-Based Distance Learning

What to Expect

Classes will be happening live daily according to the PMHS bell schedule.

Learning will be both **synchronous** (meaning at-home learners and learners in the classroom are engaging with the teacher in real time) and **asynchronous** (meaning students are working on an assignment or viewing a recorded lesson or video at different times). Just like in the regular classroom, the teacher will let students know when individual assignments are due.

The main platform for learning will be **Schoology**, which is where students should log in daily, however, teachers will be using a variety of

online platforms and web-based tools for student learning such as their online textbook, Office 365 and other tools.

Students should plan to **check in live daily** with their teacher at the beginning of each class period for attendance, a welcome and an introduction to the day's lesson. However, this doesn't mean your child will be glued to their computer or expected to sit in front of the screen

every minute from 9:20AM to 3:50PM. Just like in the brick and mortar classroom, there are some times that students are interacting with the teacher, other times students are working independently.

Students who do not engage daily with online learning will be marked absent and subject to consequences as outlined in the district Code of Conduct.



What to Look For:

- ✓ All graded assignments will be posted on the calendar in Schoology.
- ✓ Teachers will post a weekly update with an overview of the week as well as a schedule of live lessons, assignment due dates, etc.
- ✓ Material in each course will be organized into folders by week for easy reference.

PMHS Regular Schedule

1st	9:20-10:08
2nd	10:12-10:57
3rd	11:01-11:46
4th	11:50-1:21
A Lunch	11:46-12:16
B Lunch	12:19-12:49
C Lunch	12:51-1:21
5th	1:25-2:10
6th	2:14-2:59
7th	3:03-3:50

How to Support Your Distance Learner at Home

- Ensure they have a **work space** with access to needed materials and minimal distractions.
- Use your parent Schoology account to monitor expectations and view com-

munication from their teachers.

- Monitor your child's grades in each class using **Home Access Center (HAC)** which is the main gradebook—the Schoology

gradebook may not include all assignments.

- Be sure your child picks up their materials from PMHS the week of August 17th so they have what they need.

Wednesday Bell Schedule

1st	9:20-9:58
2nd	10:02-10:37
3rd	10:41-11:16
4th	11:20-12:51
A Lunch	11:16-11:46
B Lunch	11:49-12:19
C Lunch	12:21-12:51
5th	12:55-1:30
6th	1:34-2:09
7th	2:13-2:50

If You Are Concerned...

If you are concerned about **grades**, sit down with your student and look through their grades in Home Access Center. Assignments that were due but that your child did not complete will be indicated with an INC.

If you have concerns about one of your child's classes, the next step is to reach out via phone or email directly to that teacher to discuss.

If you become concerned about your child's academic performance in multiple classes, contact Christine Kelley, Guidance Secretary at (904) 547-8667, to schedule a parent-teacher conference with all your child's teachers.

If you are concerned at any time about your child's **mental well-ness**, please reach out to your child's school counselor. Our school counselors have numerous resources we can connect you with, including both in-person and online sessions with our district mental health counselor.



Don't Forget! Join us for "Virtual" PMHS Open House via Schoology on Friday, August 28th from 8AM-11AM!

Need Technology Assistance???

Stay in the Loop! PMHS announcements will be posted on the PMHS Website and Schoology!

I do not know my student's login to Schoology...

Students log in using their s# and "active directory" password. If your child does not know theirs, they can ask any of their teacher, or contact Ms. Shumaker at rae.shumaker@stjohns.k12.fl.us

I do not know my Parent Login for Schoology....

Any of your child's teachers can give you an access code.

I have a specific technology problem I need help with...

Contact the St. Johns County School District Tech Help Desk at (904) 547-4357 or Mr. Gross, PMHS's Technology Support Specialist at (904) 547-8659

State and National Testing Information

FSA ELA—All 11th grade students should plan to come on campus in September to take the FSA ELA as this test was cancelled in the spring but is a graduation requirement. Any 12th grader who has not passed the FSA ELA will need to come in to take this test as well.

9th and 11th grade students are encouraged to sign up for the **PSAT—NMSQT** which will be administered on October 14th at PMHS. Students must register by paying the \$21 fee online through SchoolPay by September 4. All 10th graders are paid for by the

state, we will be communicating sign-up procedures for 10th grade distance learners who wish to participate.

Students who were in an **EOC** course in 19-20 who did not test and who wishes will be able to sign up to take the EOC in September to raise their course grade from last year or qualify for the Scholar Designation. Fall 2020 is the only opportunity students have to improve their 19-20 course grade by including the EOC as 30% of their grade.

If students do not wish to take the EOC to improve their grade or

qualify for the scholar designation, they may meet the graduation requirement for the Algebra 1 EOC by passing the Geometry EOC or through earning a concordant score on the PSAT, SAT or ACT. The Geometry, Biology and US History EOC's are not required for HS graduation and do not need to be made up.

