

John Muir Middle School

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Synchronous vs Asynchronous

What's the Difference?

Synchronous

- Attendance is taken by the teacher when students are actively engaging with their teacher live via Zoom or Google Meets.
- Students who keep their cameras off must have permission from the teacher. If they do not have permission, they may be marked absent unless given permission from their teacher in advance.
- Takes place Monday-Thursday in the mornings.
- A class may go 10-15 minutes longer due to technology issues, interruptions, or need by the teacher
- Students SHOULD NOT log off until instructed to do so by their teacher even if the class goes longer than 45 minutes.

Asynchronous

- Attendance is submitted by students by clicking the Asynchronous Attendance Link in each teacher's google classroom
- Students must submit their attendance 3x a day Monday-Thursday and 6x on Fridays by clicking on the link in the google classroom while logged into their own busd.org account.
- The asynchronous link can be found in each teachers' google classroom as well as on the website and is the same for every period.
- Parents, siblings and other family members cannot submit asynchronous attendance for a student as submissions will only be accepted when sent from the student's own busd.org student account
- Here is the link:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfzf2Sciv4CGij2q8h6UF3Vxaxnlta7NR0U5pl6qFWuffOCA/viewform>

Tech Tips

Submitting Assignments

- Make sure your work is attached
- Make sure the work that is attached includes the answers (many kids are submitting blank documents on accident)
- Check the "view your work" page to see your scores and if you have turned in all of your assignments

Connection Issues?

- The connection during a live Google Meets seems to be stronger if you do not use grid view to view the entire class
- Students who have been using grid view have been kicked out more often than kids who are not
- Use Spotlight instead

Updates

- Shut down the computer (especially Chromebooks borrowed from the school) once a week, at a minimum
- Updates that are in the queue can be installed and the computer will run better

Yearbook Requests

This is obviously a strange year, so yearbook will need help gathering pictures. Please encourage your child to submit pictures for the following categories.

Your child should submit their photos at the following link: bit.ly/jmmspics

Yearbook is looking for pics for the following categories: The First Day of School, Summer Vacation, Working on Homework, In a Zoom/Google Meet, How You Take a Break, and Holidays

Counseling Corner

Tips from Your Counselors

Students should belong to TWO Counselor Google Classrooms. One is for their individual counselor and one is for Mrs. Maddigan's classroom (which has a lot of fun activities). Please encourage your child to visit a few times a week.

As a reminder, Mr. Starleaf has his drop-in office hours on Mondays and Fridays from 1pm-2pm. The link is posted in his Google Classroom.

Is your 7th grader looking for more social interaction or wanting to make new friends? Mrs. Huizar is starting a social group/club. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30. Have your child email ellenhuizar@burbankusd.org to join the fun!

Continue to check grades in Aeries and communicate with teachers about missing assignments.



September is Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Month

Week of September 14th-18th: How to stay mentally healthy.

Week of September 21st-25th: Self-care and why is it important?

Week of September 28th- October 2nd: How do you know when you or a friend needs support? Where can you go?

Counselors will have more information and activities in their Google Classrooms.