



Dec. 15, 2020

Dear South Paulding Middle School Parents/Guardians of In-Person Instruction Students:

Throughout this unique school year, the changing COVID-19 environment has required that we remain flexible and be ready to adjust as circumstances merit. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in reported confirmed cases of COVID-19 among South Paulding Middle School staff. These cases and the resulting quarantines are having a significant impact on the availability of classroom teachers.

Because of the staffing issues we are having at this time, and because the health and wellbeing of our staff and students continues to be our highest priority, **we are shifting our in-person instruction students to online digital instruction for the remainder of this week until the Holiday Break.**

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WHAT?	Effective immediately, South Paulding Middle School is closed for in-person instruction.
SCHOOLWORK:	Students should log in to Canvas to see synchronous and asynchronous assignments posted by their teachers. (See ATTACHMENT A).

Thank you for continuing to be flexible as we adapt our plans to ensure the safest and healthiest possible learning environment for our students and our staff. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this temporary schedule, please reach out to jneal@paulding.k12.ga.us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Otott
Superintendent

J.R. Neal
Principal

Short Term (1-2 days)

Digital Learning Days Parent Information



OVERVIEW

For future school closures, we may declare “Digital Learning Days”. If a digital learning day is declared, our students will have the opportunity to continue their learning while allowing flexibility to complete the activities at home. Teachers will provide assignments via Canvas, our learning management system, for students to complete at home. Teachers will also be available for virtual “office hours” through Canvas should students or parents have questions on the material or need assistance with their learning. The following are expectations for short term digital learning (1-2 days).

DAILY ASSIGNMENT EXPECTATIONS

Kindergarten-2nd Grade

A Reading assignment and a Math Assignment with Science and Social Studies integrated

3rd-5th Grade

One assignment in each of the following: Math and ELA with Science and Socials Studies integrated and specials (see schedule)

6th-8th Grade

One assignment in each of their classes

9th-12th Grade

One assignment in each of their classes

REQUIREMENTS

- All Digital Work will be housed in Canvas in a module labeled “DATE Digital Learning Day”.
- The module will be published for student access by 9:00 am on the Digital Learning Day.
- Each subject’s work will have a submission component such as quiz, discussion, or assignment.

DIGITAL ACCESS CONCERNS

- Request a hard copy of assignments upon return to school
- Students will have time upon returning to school to complete assignments.
- Media Centers will be open before and after school as needed following a closure to provide students access to computers.

SPECIALS SCHEDULE

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3	Art	STEM	Venture	PE	Music
4	Music	Art	STEM	Venture	PE
5	PE	Music	Art	STEM	Venture

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Make sure your student can access Canvas.
- Set up your parent account.
- Combined work from all classes totals 2-3 hours for elementary students and 4-5 hours for middle and high school students per day.

VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

Check with your child’s teacher for details on how to connect with them through Canvas on the Digital Learning Day.

As a minimum, teacher office hours are as follows:

- Elementary: 9-10am OR 1-2pm
- Middle/High: 10-11am OR 2-3pm

NEED HELP?

- Utilize the Canvas parent and student guides
- Contact your child’s teacher

Learn more at

<https://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/Page/36386>

(Parent Info)

<https://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/Page/36387>

(Student Info)