

Dear students and families:

Welcome to Week Two of Home Learning. This email primarily focuses on providing the links for Week Two of Home Learning (at end of email), but also has some other notes that we hope you will read about important developments in our Home Learning plans and routines. You will note that there is a theme throughout this email: communicate! Parker is enhancing and solidifying our plans for communicating with you, and we want you to communicate with us! We want to keep students learning, and we have overwhelmingly heard from families that maintaining the routine of school has provided security and sanity in these unprecedented times. However, we do not want school work to add excessive stress to the already stressful reality we are living. If Home Learning is working for you, tell us how you are making it work! If it is not working for you in some way, reach out and tell us so we can help. Either way, we want you to connect with teachers and be in touch.

## **Communication routines**

Parker has decided on a communication routine that we plan to use throughout the duration of Home Learning. We will send three coordinated emails a week to our students/families:

- Mondays will focus on academics and launching the week of Home Learning
- Wednesdays will focus on community sharing and community building
- Fridays will focus on logistics, announcements, and updates

We are also finalizing a new Home Learning page on the website – these weekly emails will be archived there, along with an FAQ page, resources that we think could be helpful, and contact information you might need at some point. We will let you know when it is launched.

## **Share your experiences and feedback**

We are very interested in your experiences with Home Learning so far, both so we can incorporate your feedback into our ongoing revisions to our plans/structures going forward, but also so that we can share your strategies and good ideas with the Parker community (names removed, of course). You can email [homelearning@theparkerschool.org](mailto:homelearning@theparkerschool.org) with general feedback about how Home Learning is going for you, but we will also give you a prompt each week that will help us gather and share community information. This week, if you have a minute, we would love to hear some examples of what your Home Learning routine looks like and how you are structuring your time and space so that you/your student can engage with learning. We would love to “crowdsource” a variety of good solutions and tips!

## **Digital resources**

We continue to encourage any students who are experiencing problems/shortages with computers at home to come pick up a Parker laptop. There will be another pick-up time this **WEDNESDAY** (3/25/20) from 8:30-12. *\*\*Note that this is a change from what was said in Friday’s email, due to snow predictions.\*\** Please click below to reserve and pick up a school-issued laptop and/or hotspot on Wednesday morning.

[To arrange for a laptop, click here](#)

[To arrange for a “hotspot,” click here](#)

## **Notes on Home Learning**

Based on our data from Week One, almost all of our students have engaged at some level with Home Learning already. If you have not yet started to engage, we encourage you to email your teachers/advisors to get support in figuring out how to start and what to prioritize/skip. If you are overwhelmed, we understand. We will work with you to make adjustments to the plan, as needed. We just need you to reach out so that we can support you. Please email your teachers/advisors!

The faculty is learning lots about how to best structure these Home Learning experiences, and Parker’s commitment to continuous improvement (using feedback to revise and get better!) has never been stronger. The primary change to Week Two is that we are chunking up the week’s work into suggestions for daily work – we are offering what we hope are manageable, bite-sized chunks of work for each day to keep everyone moving forward. The daily work plans are suggestions, and we understand that you may not get to everything each day, based on circumstances in your

household. If the pacing or timelines aren't working for you, all you need to do is email your teacher and let him/her/them know so they can work with you to make a plan that will work for you.

## Home Learning, Week Two

**[Click on links to see assignment overviews](#)**

### **Advisory**

Advisors will check in with their advisees twice via email, and each advisory will hold at least one video conference advisory session. Stay tuned for an email from your advisor with more details. Many advisories tried out a video conference session last week and found it to be a great experience, so we are expanding it to all advisories. If you do not have a computer with a camera at home, we recommend you pick up a school-issued laptop (see above), but you can also join these sessions via smartphone.

### **Division One**

[Div 1 MST – all classes](#)

[Div 1 AH – all classes](#)

[Intro to Spanish](#)

[Spanish 1A \(“8<sup>th</sup>”\)](#)

[Academic Support](#)

[Wellness – Physical Activity](#)

[Div 1 Wellness – Health Class](#)

[Div 1 Wellness – Health Class \(extension activity\)](#)

### **Division Two**

[Div 2 MST – \*\*Forensics\*\* \(Math AND Science\)](#)

Div 2 MST – **Genetics**

[Math link](#)

[Science link](#)

[Div 2 AH – all classes](#)

[Spanish 1B \(“9<sup>th</sup>”\)](#)

[Div 2 Spanish](#)

[Academic Support](#)

[Wellness – Physical Activity](#)

[Div 2 Wellness – Health Class](#)

### **Division Three**

[Div 3 MST – Financial Math](#)

[Div 3 MST – Calculus](#)

[Div 3 MST – PreCalculus](#)

[Div 3 MST – Trigonometry](#)

[Div 3 MST – Chemistry](#)

[Div 3 MST – Animal Biology](#)

[Div 3 MST – Physics](#)

[Div 3 AH – American Dream](#)

[Div 3 AH – Sculpture](#)

[Div 3 AH – American West](#)

[Div 3 AH – Pop Culture](#)

[Div 3 AH – Election 2020](#)

[Div 3 AH – African American Experiences](#)

[Div 3 AH – Memoir](#)

[Div 3 AH – Essay](#)

[Div 3 AH – City on a Hill](#)

[Div 3 Spanish](#)

[Academic Support](#)

[Wellness – Physical Activity](#)

[Wellness – LAP](#)

Senior Seminar: your Senior Seminar teacher will email you directly

## **Questions?**

If you have a question about:	Please contact:
a specific class or assignment	the teacher of that class ( <a href="#">see Parker email list here</a> )
our approach to Home Learning (or ideas to share!)	email <a href="mailto:homelearning@theparkerschool.org">homelearning@theparkerschool.org</a>
technical support	email <a href="mailto:helpdesk@theparkerschool.org">helpdesk@theparkerschool.org</a>
If you need to share information or access services about:	Please contact:
your family's health information	email <a href="mailto:lzick@theparkerschool.org">lzick@theparkerschool.org</a>
mental health/emotional support needs	email <a href="mailto:skelly@theparkerschool.org">skelly@theparkerschool.org</a>
food insecurity/free and reduced school lunch needs	email <a href="mailto:mmckenna@theparkerschool.org">mmckenna@theparkerschool.org</a>