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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

As we navigate the new school year here at CASA, we would like to take a moment to help clear up any confusion surrounding classwork and homework deadlines for the 2020-2021 school year.

Students should be aware that all academic classwork is due on Canvas by 3:00 p.m. each day. Similarly, art classwork is due on Canvas by 5:00 p.m. Please note that all classwork assignments are tailored to fit within a 45-minute class period. Students are typically given multiple days to complete assignments if they extend beyond the 45-minute class period. Even when students are working on extended day assignments, they must log into each Canvas course daily to check for classroom updates, and for attendance purposes.

On in-person learning days, students may be assigned homework that is meant to supplement and strengthen important classwork skills. Homework assignments are meant to be completed at home, outside of normal school hours, and are due in class the following day. Teachers will post homework due dates and times on their Canvas Assignments page.

Students who struggle with virtual learning or need additional supports are encouraged to attend Zoom Tutoring Sessions held every Wednesday. Please check the announcement page on each teacher's Canvas account to locate the zoom link and time slot for tutoring. Students can drop in and out of these sessions as needed.

The classwork and homework deadline outlined above is the expectation for all hybrid and virtual learners. If there are extenuating circumstances, where a student cannot meet this requirement on certain days, or if emergencies arise, please contact each teacher directly. If a student is ill or has an appointment, please notify Mrs. Chambers as well at vcchambers@casa-arts.org.

This is a school-wide policy put in place for attendance and grading purposes. Daily logins ensure that students are marked present and allow teachers adequate time to leave constructive feedback on assignments. Even though we are offering alternate learning pathways this year, we must still accurately report attendance to the Department of Education.

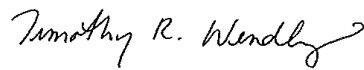
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Classwork submitted after the 3:00 p.m. academic deadline and after the 5:00 p.m. arts deadline will be worth 75% of the original possible points, as per the CASA late work policy outlined in the Student Handbook.

Students enrolled in CAOLA courses are encouraged to work on those courses after completing all daily Canvas lessons. Students should complete at least one lesson in each CAOLA course daily. Students must be on pace with the CAOLA benchmarks by Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. CAOLA benchmarks are posted on the website (www.casa-arts.org) under the Academics tab. In addition, they are announced daily in school.

CASA is committed to providing quality educational opportunities with high expectations and structure even during these unprecedented times. We know that each family may have circumstances that provide barriers to some of the timelines and expectations, so we ask all of our students and families to communicate when situations arise so we can continue to support and accommodate all students at CASA. Thank you for your continued support. Please stay safe and well.

Sincerely,



Timothy R. Wendling, CEO/Principal