Hello Everyone!

When I said goodbye to you all before DC/Spring Break, I never imagined we would be here. It is a very strange/sad feeling to not be able to see you all every day and to not be able to interact with you in person. This is a brand new adventure for all of us. As we take on this task of distance learning, please be patient and flexible with your teachers, and we promise to do the same with you.

For my class, we will be utilizing my class website, Remind, and Microsoft Teams! I hope to post a video by Wednesday showing you how to navigate those 3 platforms for my class.

Please see either the Pre-Algebra Tab or Geometry Tab for your specific assignments each week

First 2 weeks of Distance Learning:

- We will be using the district made packets. They can be found at this link: 8th Grade Packets
- These packets were not created by me. Because of this, we have not yet covered all of this material.
 - If you come across something we have not learned, try your best, but know that it WILL NOT COUNT AGAINST YOU

How to submit your work:

I would like you to upload your work directly into FOCUS.

- There will be an assignment for each day.
- Take a picture, or scan your work, and upload it directly into that assignment.
 - o You only need to take pictures/scan the practice problems.
- The week 1 packet will be due Saturday by noon.
- The week 2 packet will be due Saturday 4/11 by noon.

DC Packets

- You will be submitting your DC Packets via Microsoft TEAMS.
- There will be an assignment where you can choose your answers from your packet. Note that the questions are not on the online assignment so you will need your packet in front of you.
- If you turned in your packet to me prior to Spring Break, I will grade those by hand.
- The assignment will be live by Wednesday 4/1 and will be due by Wednesday 4/8

Since Microsoft TEAMS is new for many of us, I wanted to send out directions on how to access TEAMS.

Access Microsoft Teams

- The Teams app can be accessed through Office 365 via ClassLink.
 - o Your email is yourstudentid@edu.leonschools.net
 - o Your password is the same one you use on school computers.
- You can also download stand-alone apps for computers and phones, so you don't have to go through ClassLink every time!

Weekly Expectation

- 1. Weekly Assignments will go live every Monday.
- 2. It will be your responsibility to watch any videos I might post and to keep track of assignments
 - Assignments will be given through Microsoft Teams

^{***}If you have any problems, please let me know!

- The lessons may vary at times but expect this as a base
- **During these 1st 2 weeks we will be using the packets set out by the district.
 - You are only responsible for the practice questions as outlined on my website.

Assignments

• Use the "Assignments" tab at the top to keep track of live assignments.

Communication/Channel and Uses

- General Channel
 - o This is where all assignments and weekly updates will be posted.
- Class Discussion Channel
 - o This channel is for you to chat with each other. You can ask one another questions, or collaborate as needed
- Questions and Comments for the Teacher Channel
 - o Use this channel to communicate with me.
 - o This will be visible to everyone else in the class
 - o I am the only person who should be answering questions on this channel.
- My designated Office Hours are 10am-1pm. I may still be reached outside that time, but I will guarantee a response between those hours.

Contact Info

If you are having difficulty accessing Teams, please email or send me a message in Remind.

- Remind Class Codes (if you haven't already joined in app)
 - o 3rd Period: @mmsward3
 - o 4th Period: @mmsward4
 - o 5th Period: @mmsward5
 - o 6th Period: @mmsward6
- <u>Designated Office Hours are 10am-1pm</u>. I may still be reached outside that time, but you are guaranteed a response between those hours.

Miss you all,

Mrs. Ward

**PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL! I WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS ABLE TO GET UPDATES