



Hello Spartan Families,

Quarter one ended last week on Friday, October 30th. Yes, that's right, it's been 10 weeks and we are 25% of the way through! This year has been an enigma; in some ways it has been the longest quarter in the history of education and in other ways it has flown by. We are living history, but it's important even in the midst of a pandemic to reflect on our practice and refine it and find ways to support students in this new environment as we go.

Over the past six months, the changes teachers have made to their instruction has been monumental. We all recognized very early on that the structures we typically used in a live classroom, were no longer the best practice. Together, we have learned Pear Deck, Kami, Jamboard, Breakout Rooms and much more. We are evolving, and our instructional philosophy and practices will forever be changed as a result. At the end of the day, teaching is providing students an opportunity to learn new things, helping them synthesize the new information with their preexisting knowledge and supporting them as they try it out.

So, as quarter one draws to an end, we know some of our students are struggling and have worked to find ways to offer support in this virtual environment. Last week we reinstated our after school tutoring program. Typically, the library is open with tutors available for students to drop in and get help every Monday through Thursday from 3:00 -5:00. But because education looks differently now, our amazing CSF and Connect Club student groups got together and restructured tutoring to better work for 2020-2021.

We are now running tutoring Monday - Thursday from 3:30-4:30. The program is two fold, and now students can sign up for standing appointments, or drop in any day of the week for help. All are welcome, just stop in and we will match students with a tutor to get them the help they need!

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We hope you will take advantage of this great resource!

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