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Dear Students and Parents,

I would like to take a minute to provide some clarification regarding our grading policy for the second semester and to share that we are implementing a general structure to our schedule that will be implemented to minimize conflict between courses yet maintain the flexibility that has been valuable.

The second semester final grade will be calculated by weighting the Genesis grade on March 13 at 70% and the Schoology grade at the end of our online learning at 30%. The percentages represent the number of instructional hours during our time in the building and online, respectively. Those two grades will be added to create the final grade for the semester.

We have taken into account that students had no advanced notice of the gradebook freezing on March 13th. Therefore, we will support teachers exempting the lowest grade that has the greatest negative impact on the Genesis gradebook grade that was completed up to March 13.

We expect all students to be active during this online learning time, complete the work that is assigned, and communicate with their teachers when needed. A student should communicate any extenuating circumstances directly to their teachers if it affects their schoolwork.

Additionally, we are implementing a general structure to our schedule to minimize conflict between teachers who are engaging in live instruction. With this structure in place, it is expected that all students are present for their live lesson when scheduled and if they are able. Teachers will be sharing with their students when they will be meeting for live instruction and available for office hours, where they will be live for questions from students.

Our students and staff have been doing a great job during this unique time.

Stay well!
Mr. Groh