

Homer Husky Families...

1. <https://tinyurl.com/hmsabsent> is our new absent student hub! When a student is absent from school, parents and students should go to this website after 9 am each day to see the day's assignments for all classes. The website will be updated every day around 9 am. Students will still need to access the actual assignments in their Canvas classes, but this website will provide a list of what to work on in all classes in one spot. We hope it will be helpful for parents to see the list of assignments without having to click into each individual Canvas course. Just a note: students will need to know what classes they have on a Blue day and a White day for this website. It is not individualized per student.
2. An adult from the school will be available via Zoom every day for any students who are at home and needs help! The Zoom links below require a KPBSD email to be able to join, so students will be prompted to login to join the Zoom.
 - 7th Graders- 9:00-9:53 AM [Click to Join the 7th Grade Zoom](#)
 - 8th Graders- 10:41-11:34 AM [Click to Join the 8th Grade Zoom](#)
3. When students return from an extended absence, they will meet with a staff member during their music class to get a jump start on the work they missed while they were absent. This will just be for a few days, not necessarily until the student is completely caught up.

We will continue to provide the following opportunities that have been in place since the beginning of the school year for students who have been absent as well.

4. Need a device at home? We can check one out to you (supplies are limited). Make sure to have the [Device Checkout form](#) completed before calling the office to pick one up! Canvas, Zoom, and our Absent Student website can all be accessed from any device with internet access (phone, tablet, laptop, etc.)
5. We continue to offer morning study hall (8:00-9:00 am) every day and after school study hall (3:45-4:45 pm) Monday-Thursdays. Anyone can come to the morning study hall, but please call the office to give your child permission to stay for after school study hall. Students that are in basketball can return to practice after study hall is finished for the day.
6. The library is available during enrichment for any student that needs a quiet place to work on missing work rather than play in the gym or go outside. Many teachers are available during enrichment as well if students arrange to meet with them ahead of time.

7. Parents and students, as always, are encouraged to call or email the teachers with any questions as well. Teachers will get back to you as soon as possible, but please be patient. Our teachers have classes most of the day, so the time they have to respond to emails and calls is limited.

You will want to save this email so you have all of these links handy. We will post all of this to the Homer Middle School website as well!

Please reach out and let us know if you have any questions, comments or concerns. We hope that these new and continued educational supports will help us all work as a team when students have to be absent from school. We are continually adapting the way we do things this year to best meet the needs of our students and families as we navigate the impacts of COVID-19 in our school.