



April 1, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Let me start by thanking the Ocean Academy family for their patience and dedication. Our staff at Ocean Academy is working closely to keep moving forward in such an uncertain time. I want to thank you all for continuing to support your children; our students.

As schools statewide remain closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is my intent to maintain a sense of normalcy amongst our school community, and to keep families informed of new developments. In following the guidance of the State of NJ and the Department of Education, we will continue to provide virtual instruction and remain closed until advised otherwise.

In addition, the Governor has announced that the State is cancelling all statewide student assessments for the spring 2020. This includes the administration of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) and ACCESS for ELLS.

Ocean Academy will continue to follow its calendar and the dates previously set for Spring Break, which will start on Friday, April 10 through Friday, April 17, 2020. No new assignments will be given during Spring Break; however, students do have the ability to make up any missed assignments from the previous weeks, as the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period ends Thursday, April 9, 2020. This break will provide all of us a chance to recharge before continuing online learning on Monday, April 20, 2020.

If we hear any directive from Governor Murphy to open or remain closed, Ocean Academy will notify all parents through the **Remind App** and our website [OceanacademyNJ.org](http://OceanacademyNJ.org).

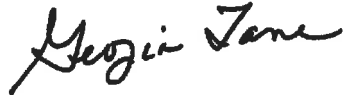
Our staff will continue to work diligently in providing sound online instruction. As we move into the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period, we will continue to have our teachers update their required work each week. It is our expectation that students will log in daily into the Google Classroom, mark themselves present, work at their own pace, complete the assignment for that day, and hit turn in/submit (depending on version).

We are in the process of establishing Telemedicine (visits with Dr. Senese and nurse Cindy), counseling services, occupational therapy and speech services via virtual telehealth \* (Doxy.me). Zoom, Google hangouts & Google meeting are possible avenues for instruction, once you return the permission slip

included. Upon completing the permission slip, kindly scan/take a picture of and email to Judy Woodward at the following email address: [jwoodward@oceanmhs.org](mailto:jwoodward@oceanmhs.org), This will expedite receiving of the permission slips, so that services can start.

I wish this was not necessary and look forward to the days when we can fill our hallways and classrooms with the voices and laughter of your children. That day will come soon enough. In the meantime, we thank you for your support and wish you and yours good health. Stay safe!

Sincerely,



Georgianna Lane-Hansen  
Principal

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### PERMISSION SLIP FOR ZOOM MEETING, GOOGLE HANG OUT, GOOGLE MEETING

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give my permission, for my child,  
(Print parent name)

\_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the following to assist with  
(Print child's name)

their instruction: (please initial) \_\_\_\_\_ Zoom Meeting

\_\_\_\_\_ Google Hang Out

\_\_\_\_\_ Google Meeting

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***If you child is 12 years of age or older, they must print and sign below:***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print child's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of child

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*telehealth is a separate permission slip included in this mailing