

Hello JRLA Parent/Guardian(s),

We strive to live our core values as a school community in everything that we do. One of the values we talk about the most is FAMILY. Now, more than ever, we need to join together as a family to maintain the education your child, and our scholar, needs and deserves to finish the year strong. This letter, if read and followed well, will help us achieve that very thing. Your child has an email address, to which we will be communicating academic content weekly. Please use the login information below to ensure that your scholar accesses their JRLA email daily, attends virtual learning sessions and teacher office hours, and completes assignments in Google Classroom and/or Edgenuity, as assigned by their teachers.

In addition to the email login instructions, we have included our Remote Learning Resource Guide to assist you in successfully staying linked to the important platforms JRLA is using to communicate and educate your scholar.

Please know that we are here for you. If you have questions, email, text, or call your child's teacher. Teachers also have weekly office hours where you can video conference with them, if that would be more helpful. We can help you through a lesson, explain to you how to deal with Common Core math, or just talk about what has worked well with your child while they were at school. We are committed to helping both you and your child get the most out of this experience.

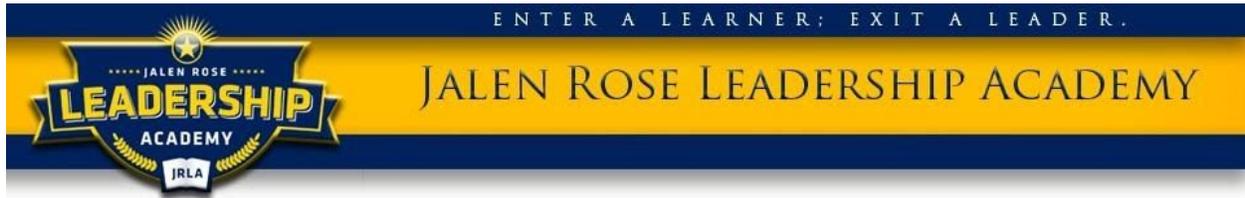
Finally, it is not lost on us that everyone's access to technology and connectivity is different. Our academic plan will allow your scholar to engage with a smartphone. However, if your scholar does not have access to a device, please call your contact your scholar's advisor, and/or use this [support link](#) and a member of our instructional leadership team will contact you. It is extremely important for your scholar to understand that all work during this period **WILL BE GRADED**. Scholars **MUST** show continued progress through completed assignments in order to be promoted to the next grade and to graduate.

Gov. Whitmer noted, "As a parent, I understand the challenge closing schools creates for parents and guardians across the state, which is why we are setting guidelines for schools to continue remote learning and ensuring parents have resources to continue their children's education from the safety of their homes." ***Please note that education must continue.*** We are prepared to educate your scholar remotely, and we need your commitment and support to do so.

Together, we can make this time something your child will always remember, and hopefully, not for anything related to our current situation. We are hoping your scholar will remember this experience for all of the time that they were given to be around you and how cool you made school be for them.

Sincerely,

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## **Virtual Learning Guidelines for Families**

### **Recognize homeschool is not school**

The most important thought during this time is that no matter what, what you will do at home simply isn't school. Scholars accustomed to the school environment won't be as focused at home, no matter what you do. Do your best and forget the rest.

### **Reading is King**

Reading is the most fundamental aspect of learning for your scholar. If you only have time for one thing, make it reading.

### **Check your Scholar's Email**

To ensure that we can get information to families and scholars, we will be utilizing their email address (and your email address if we have it) to send material and resources home. We will continue to send material out on Sunday every week, which will be all school communication. However, please have your scholar check their email daily for messages from their teachers.

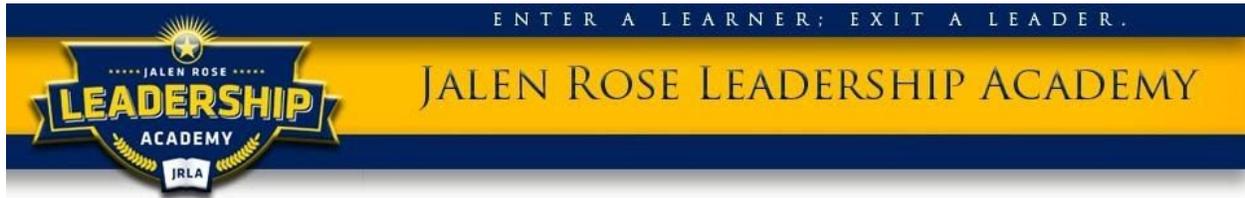
### **Follow the schedule**

A schedule of courses, with specific days and times is included in the Remote Learning Resource Guide. Though the schedule will not follow the same schedule that scholars were accustomed to at JRLA, we are attempting to mimic a regular routine with expectations for daily "attendance" and work completion to ensure that your scholar is on track for promotion and/or graduation. Just as if your scholar were reporting to JRLA daily, on-time, daily attendance is extremely important for our remote learning plan. Though subject to change in the future, right now, classes will only meet once per week; if your scholar is absent, they will be missing a week's worth of instruction.

### **Attend Office Hours**

Office hours are imperative. If your scholar has questions, needs additional assistance and/or time to complete assignments, they **MUST** report to office hours. This structure mimics the experience they will have in college. Let's practice it now.

### **Exercise Self-Regulation and Independent Responsibility**



Now more than ever, your child is being asked to exercise good judgment, personal responsibility, and time management. Please monitor their technology usage to ensure appropriate behavior and correspondence. While they will be using technology for academic purposes, ensure that messages, which are intended for class discussions and/or communication with JRLA staff is appropriate in language, tone, subject matter, content, and images. Though we are not reporting to the building, we will still utilize our Scholar Code of Conduct to issue consequences, if behavior violates guidelines for technology usage.

### **Monitor Social Media Usage**

Given our current circumstances, JRLA staff will be utilizing social media platforms to communicate with scholars, families, prospective scholars, and the community at large. While we invite your scholar to actively engage with us on our social media platforms, please ensure that all posts and messaging is school-appropriate in language, tone, subject matter, content, and images. Though we are not reporting to the building, we will still utilize our Scholar Code of Conduct to issue consequences, if behavior violates guidelines for technology usage.

### **Downtime is Necessary**

No teacher is on all day, and we have not planned nor do we expect your scholar to be online all day. Having quiet reading time, individual computer time, or just free choice are really important for your scholar's motivation.

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