

Dear Parents,

Over the weekend there were some unanticipated changes to the Zoom platform. Our media teacher, Carla Flaherty, has a strong IT background and is very adept at helping us trouble shoot all of these issues. She has been working long hours to help the teachers and I learn new skills required for emergency distance learning. She is also on top of new safety and security issues that crop up. If you are having trouble with getting your children into Zoom sessions, here is her message:

On Monday, passwords were required to get into some of the teachers' Zoom meetings. We believe this change is temporary for us, but we've provided passwords to parents for the interim. If you need a password, contact the school. (Not all meetings require them.)

Zoom is also now requiring a Zoom account to enter a meeting using the web browser. This appears to be a permanent change. So we are asking parents and students to please download the Zoom app from www.zoom.com. Instructions are below; more detailed instructions are available in the Distance Learning page of our school website. You will **not** need to open an account or give Zoom any information. You will be able to use the app to enter meetings without having to open a Zoom account.

If you already have a parent Zoom account, you can sign your student into meetings with that account.

Zoom, like all of us, is adapting to the new environment as quickly as possible. More changes may come up. We thank you for your patience and flexibility!

To download the Zoom app:

Go to www.zoom.com

Click "Resources" and then "Download Zoom Client."

Find "Zoom Client For Meetings" and click Download.

Double-click the installer and allow the app to install.

You will be able to open the app to sign into meetings without having a Zoom account.