

Good evening this is Mr. Parker of Western Tech with some important updates. First, beginning on April 10, 2020, students and parents will notice changes to the Schoology gradebook. Please note the following:

- The new marking period will be labeled “MP3/MP4.”
- For our school, assignments will be placed in the “Minor” category of the gradebook.
- Feedback will not be in the form of a traditional letter grade. A teacher may use a score (8/10) or qualitative feedback in the comments section.
- A percentage or letter grade will no longer appear in the gradebook for individual categories (major, minor, or practice), nor will it appear for the overall grade for the new marking period (MP3/MP4).

I know a lot of questions remain unanswered around grading and reporting. Information regarding the report card and final grade calculation will be forthcoming.

Second, a print pathway request link for students in grades 6-12 has been established. For those who have an email address and are unable to access Schoology, please go to our school’s website and click on the “Continuity of Learning” link. For those families without any technology access, please call (443) 809-0840 and leave a voice mail message with the name of your student, grade level, magnet program, and your home address. A school staff member will then place the order for print materials. All print materials will be sent directly to the provided address by BCPS.

As always, I hope you and your family are safe and healthy. Thank you and have a good evening.