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Dear Middle School and High School Parents,

The first nine weeks are in the books...or should I say, on the report cards. Reports cards will be mailed home during the week of October 19<sup>th</sup> – October 23. Please make sure to be looking for them in your mailboxes.

As the first nine weeks evolved and progressed through the fall, students began to pick up and learn the finer points of remote learning. Students learned how to organize and focus their attention to the daily lessons and work being asked of them. Utilization of the chrome books and the elements of Google became more commonplace.

One thing that we did learn is that procrastination is common. Waiting to the end of the nine weeks created a logjam for recording grades as student attempted to turn in work that was given 4-5 weeks earlier. We hope that the students will become more efficient in their learning and organizational habits to get the work turned in to the teacher in a more timely fashion. Turning in homework on time helps the teachers to know whether the students understands the material right away. Prolonging turning in work makes it difficult for teachers to assess where the students are with their understanding of the material. Students who are receiving packets are asked to turn the packets back when the breakfasts are being distributed in the morning. Monday moorings are the correct time to return completed packets.

As you are all aware of the following important pieces of information to remember:

1. We will remain remote learning for the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks. During the November 17<sup>th</sup> Jemez valley School Board Meeting the board will discuss the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester/3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and whether it will be remote learning or hybrid.
2. Governor Lujan postponed all fall sports for all NM students.
3. Thanksgiving Break will be November 25<sup>th</sup> – November 29<sup>th</sup>.
4. Semester finals will be given the week of December 14<sup>th</sup> – December 17<sup>th</sup>. More info is coming.

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