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Dear Parents of 6th,7th, and 8th Graders,

Obviously this year is very different from any other school year that we have ever experienced. There are so many questions, but we should not look at this year in fear. This year is a great opportunity for students to grow and experience new things. This year, our Science and Social Studies classes have a unique opportunity to study history being made in real time.

We will be moving classwork somewhat online this year. This will keep the transition for students who are in the hybrid classes as smooth as possible, so that no matter whether they are in class or at home, things will be as similar as possible. This will also benefit the students learning entirely from home since they will miss nothing that their classmates are learning.

We are doing as much as we can to ensure that our students are safe and receiving the best education that they can, but we will still rely on you as parents. This year will need extra communication and cooperation between teachers and parents to ensure that all students are on top of their work and staying on task as much as possible. Fortunately, we have last year's experience of learning online to rely on, but this is still a new experience so we will need patience and understanding as we move into this new form of learning.

Science and Social Studies are fascinating fields of study and each middle school grade has extremely interesting topics to cover. I think that the students will be as excited as I am about them. I look forward to the new experiences and challenges of this year and I look forward to seeing your students grow and learn this year.

Yours in Christ,

Andrew Streng