

*Hello parents!*

*As we are entering the start of our second semester, we wanted to remind you that you have numerous ways to closely monitor your students' grades and performance, both via PowerSchool and Canvas. Parents are strongly encouraged to request parental access to PowerSchool Parent Portal by visiting the DCS website at <https://www.duplinschools.net/Page/23723>. Ms. Faircloth will then reach back out to share important login details. One of the best means of use with Parent Portal is through downloading the PowerSchool app to your cell phone to receive push notifications.*

*Another valuable method to closely monitor your child's assignments in each class is through parent observer access in Canvas. Please take the opportunity to watch this brief YouTube video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-5sWZODhY8>) that will walk you through how to gather an "observer" code for your student.*

*Upon completion of the video, you can follow these easy steps:*

- 1. Visit <https://duplin.instructure.com/login/canvas>.*
- 2. Directly to the right of the DCS emblem, you can click to create a Canvas account.*
- 3. Enter the code that your child was able to generate from within their Canvas account.*
- 4. Once you create an account, you will then add any additional children to your observer role.*

*Completing these steps will give you the ability to easily monitor your student's grades, communication, course updates, announcements, and so on. In addition to this access, we also encourage you to download the Canvas app to your phone or other devices to receive daily notification updates regarding grades, messages, and due dates.*

*We greatly appreciate everything you are doing to support your student with hybrid and remote instruction.*