

Hello Stallions,

I hope this letter finds you well and you are having a fun and safe summer! I am writing to inform you about an important update regarding the communication app we have been using in our classroom, Classroom Dojo. Due to a recent decision to discontinue the use of third-party applications at our school, Classroom Dojo will no longer be available for communication purposes.

However, I am excited to announce that we have found an excellent alternative that will allow us to continue maintaining open lines of communication throughout the year in a very safe and similar manner. We will now be using a district communication app connected to myStudent, our school's digital platform. This new app offers similar features to Classroom Dojo, ensuring a smooth transition and familiar tools for us to stay connected throughout the year.

The district communication app has many benefits, including messaging features with the whole school and/or individually with the teacher, video sharing, photo sharing, point systems for behavior, the ability to send and receive updates about your child's progress, and the option to view important announcements and upcoming events. It is a secure platform that prioritizes the safety and privacy of our students and families.

After July 17, we will have more information for you to follow to update yourself with the upcoming platform change. **As of right now all you have to do is make sure you created a Parent Portal account on myStudent.**

I am confident that this change will improve our ability to communicate effectively and keep you informed of your child's academic journey. We greatly value our partnership with parents and believe that this new communication change will enhance our collaborative efforts.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we navigate this transition. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the front office. We will have more information on our website as we get closer to "Meet Your Teacher Day on August 7<sup>th</sup>! We are here to support you and ensure a smooth transition for all families. Please remember there will be more information to come and I am confident you will be just as proficient at the new myStudent app as you were with Classroom Dojo.

Thank you for your understanding and patience,

Jason Petry  
Principal  
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