

PURPOSE: For all MSMS teachers to record quiz and test dates on their syllabus or equivalent schedule sheet.

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SECTION ONE (REASONING):

All MSMS teachers are required to have a syllabus that is available to students at the beginning of the year. Along with the syllabus, many teachers include an assignment sheet covering the topics being discussed each day for the unit, nine weeks, or semester. These sheets are available on Canvas and also cover major assignment due dates and quiz and test dates. However, because each teacher conducts their canvas class differently, many teachers do not share major dates on their course page and instead verbally announce them to their class. Though this is inherently not an issue, some students would prefer notice for assignments and quizzes/test more in advance to better plan out their schedule or have the chance to request a date to be moved.

SECTION TWO (RESPONSES):

I asked three students the following question: “Do you think all teachers should be required to put important dates – such as major assignments due, quizzes, or tests – on their canvas page?”

Response 1 (Anonymous):

“Given how many assignments and test/quizzes students have weekly, as well as the time they commit to extracurricular activities, students have very little spare time in their days. Including all test and quiz dates in the syllabi allows students to adequately prepare for them without having to sacrifice other assignments.”

Response 2 (Anonymous):

“It would definitely help... People say you remember what’s important, but after a long day, having it on Canvas would be great.”

Response 3 (Anonymous):

“Yes definitely. It will also help the teachers incase they forget to remind the students.”

SECTION THREE (PROPOSED CHANGE):

At the beginning of each semester, nine weeks, or unit (depending on how each teacher wants to conduct their schedule), the MSMS instructor must record their important quizzes, tests, or assignment due dates on canvas. This may be via an assignment schedule sheet, on their syllabus, as a Canvas assignment, or however the teacher deems fit.