

Dear Parents,

Today we have been made aware of two issues that we would like to address. The first is something that was featured on CBS Morning News this morning called Zoom bombings. A Zoom bombing is when a hacker hacks into a zoom link and takes control of the meeting. The hackers have been reported to publish pornographic material and make derogatory offensive comments to people in those meetings. All of this is out of the facilitator's control. Our instructors have been instructed on how to prevent this from happening. This really won't look any different on the student's side of Zoom meetings except there may be a slight delay from when a student logs into a meeting and when they actually get to see their instructor and classmates on the screen. Students will also enter the meeting on mute. The instructor can unmute the students when they so desire.

Instructors have also been concerned that some students aren't focused when they are in their classes and aren't paying attention. A couple of examples are that they are playing video games or have the TV on in the background. You can help your child focus when they are attending their virtual classrooms by a quiet, less distractible place for them to participate in. Reminding them to not be on their phones, video games, turning off the TV, etc. will help greatly. This will not only help your child, but others as well.

The way your child is learning at the current time is new to all of us and our teachers are working as hard as they can to provide the best education possible for your child. If you have any concerns, questions, or comments please feel free to call the school at 507-442-7881. We plan to send a short survey home in the next week for feedback on how distance learning is going for your child or children. Please take the time to fill that survey out when it arrives and thank you for all the support that you have given EPS during this pandemic.

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