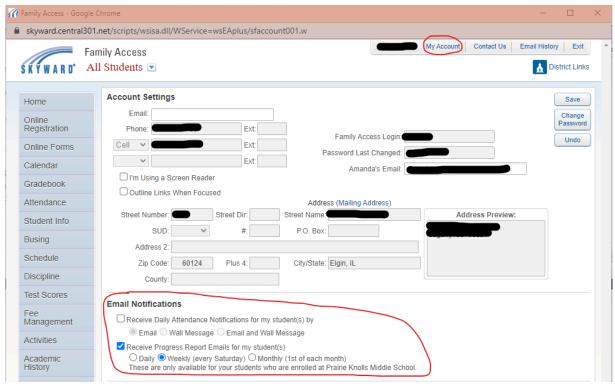


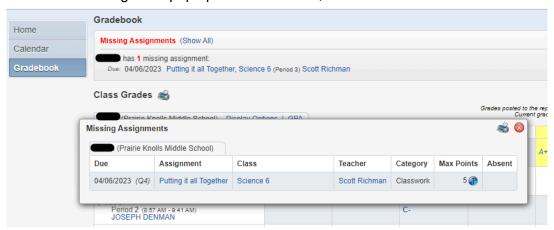
Hello new Falcon Families!

One of the biggest changes you will experience moving into Middle School is that your child is moving from having one teacher with about 25 students they are responsible for, to six teachers who are responsible for about 100 students or more. Skyward becomes a critical tool for teachers to communicate with families/students about missing work, grades, and overall progress at the middle school level. Below are some helpful tips/reminders for using Skyward. We strongly recommend that you save this information to reference back to in the fall!

- 1. To get you started, here is a general guide to the various aspects of Skyward that you see when you log in: Parent/Guardian Guide to Skyward
- 2. We recommend that you get in the habit of checking your child's Skyward account weekly to see if they have any missing work and what their grades are. Did you know you can set up automatic email alerts? When you log in, click on "my account" in the top right bar. Then, you can select how you want your notifications (shown in the red circle below):



3. Missing Work can be found by clicking on the gradebook tab (on the left). Then, click on the "show all" to get the pop up box with the list, as shown below:



- 4. When looking at grades, you may notice a variety of marks:
 - a. Zero with "missing" Can still be turned in
 - b. <u>Late</u> Student earned these points because the assignment was late. No additional points can be earned.
 - c. <u>Zero</u> Student earned zero points and cannot turn in the assignment for more points. An assignment that previously was a zero with a missing can turn into a zero if it is not turned in within the appropriate time frame.
 - d. <u>Incomplete</u> Student can fix the assignment for more points.
 - e. <u>Exempt</u> Student does not need to do the assignment. No points are earned or lost.

We hope this information has been helpful! We are always happy to answer questions about this or anything else at our upcoming **Falcon Fest on April 27th.** As a reminder, there will be a short info session in the gym at **5:30pm** for our incoming Falcon Families, prior to the start of all the fun and games.

We look forward to seeing you all soon! And as always - It's a great day to be a Falcon!

Sincerely,

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