

At Columbia Junior High, your student's teacher may be using an organizational learning tool called **Google Classroom**. With Google Classroom, educators can create classes, distribute paperless assignments, post announcements and class questions, and provide feedback all through an intuitive, student-friendly interface.

As a parent, we recognize how important it is for you keep up-to-date on your student's progress in his or her classes, and Google Classroom provides a powerful feedback channel for parents called **Guardian Email Summaries**. This handout will provide information that you need to know in order to access this feedback and what kinds of information it will provide.



## WHAT WILL GUARDIAN EMAIL SUMMARIES TELL ME AS A PARENT?

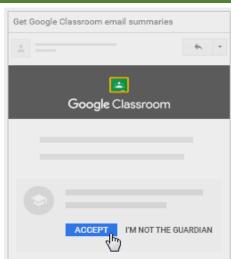
Guardian email summaries include:

- Missing work Work that's late at the time the email was sent
- **Upcoming work** Work that's due today and tomorrow (for daily emails) or work that's due in the upcoming week (for weekly emails)
- Class activity Announcements, assignments, and questions recently posted by teachers

# HOW DO I START RECEIVING GUARDIAN EMAIL SUMMARIES?

As a guardian, you must receive and accept an email invitation before you can receive email summaries. Only teachers and administrators from your student's school can send these invitations. You have 120 days to accept an invitation before it expires. The process for receiving is as follows:

- Your student's teacher emails you an invitation. They can send it to any email address. If you haven't received an invitation, feel free to email your student's teacher and inquire if they are using Google Classroom. If so, simply request that they send you an invitation to start receiving email summaries.
- In your email program, open your email invitation.
- Click Accept.



# **HOW FREQUENTLY WILL I RECEIVE GUARDIAN EMAIL SUMMARIES?**

You will only receive email summaries when there is activity in Google Classroom. You can set your preferences to receive email summaries either **daily** or **weekly**. **Note:** Daily means Monday-Friday. You will not receive summaries on weekends.

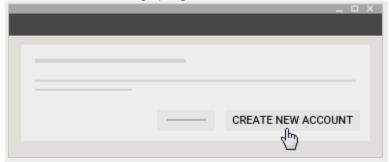


In order to set preferences, you need to create a **free Google account**. You do not need a Gmail email address to set preferences, however. To manage email summary settings, first create your Google account, if you are not already using Gmail, following these steps:

1. In your email program, at the bottom of any email summary, click **Settings**.



2. On the email settings page, click Create New Account.



- 3. Fill in the request information and click **Submit**.
- 4. Now, in your email program, at the bottom of any email summary, again click Settings.



**5.** On the email settings page, click **Sign in** and log in with your new Google account user name and password.



6. Under Frequency, select your desired email frequency. You are now all set!



#### **EXAMPLE OF WHAT A GUARDIAN EMAIL SUMMARY LOOKS LIKE:**



# Google Classroom

#### Weekly summary for Felix

Aug 1 - Aug 5, 2016

#### Student work

Missing from last week

U.S. History - due Jul 26

#### My top five influential figures in American History

Create a top 5 list of the most influential figures in American history from the people listed in the handout. For each figure, write a brief explanation (in your own words) on why they are on your list. We will be going over this in class so make sure you are ready to justify your choices.

English and American Literature - due Jul 27

What is the Harlem Renaissance? Who started it?

#### Due next week

U.S. History - Due Aug 9

#### "The Price of Free Speech" Reading and Questions

Read the handout attached and answer the questions listed in the Google Doc. All answers should be in your words.

Marine Biology - Due Aug 13

#### Aquarium Investigation Project

Select three aquatic animals you would like to learn more about this semester. Answer the questions in the Google Doc. These facts will be used as the basis for your end of year presentation.

### Class activity from last week



U.S. History Kristen Gould

Assignment – Due Aug 9

#### "The Price of Free Speech" Reading and Questions

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Posted Aug 5

Question

What document ended the War? What were the major components of the document?

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