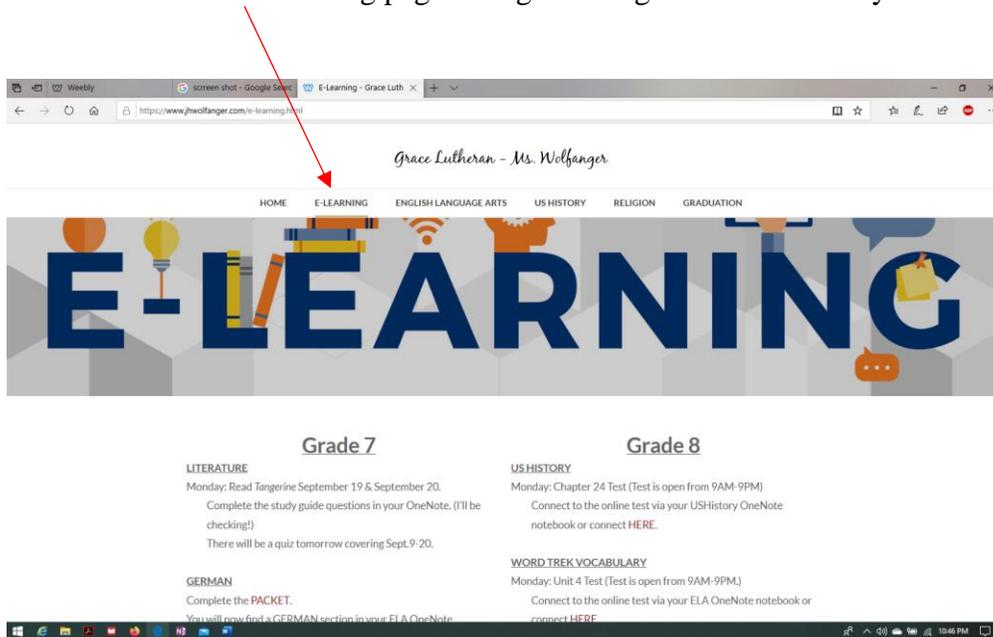


Dear Parents,

Thank you for helping us ‘do school’ from home. I would like to give you a general idea of how I’ve set up my “online classroom.”

I use two online platforms with my students regularly.

1. My website, www.jhwolfanger.com is accessible to parents as well as students. I have created an E-Learning page listing the assignments for the day.



2. Microsoft OneNote

We use this regularly in class to take notes, complete study guides, link to online assessments, and turn in work.

I have tried to give students multiple ways of reaching the lessons and assignments they will need by using both of these platforms and providing links to files from the website. There will be frustrations, I’m sure. Please encourage patience and trying again.

- It takes time and occasionally re-starting the computer for OneNote pages to sync and load.
- PDF forms completed in Chrome will NOT preserve or save answers. Students must use the Edge browser for their answers to successfully transfer to the OneNote turn-in page.
- Ms. Wolfanger will undoubtedly make mistakes. Students are accustomed to that most certainly. Again, I beg your patience.

In lieu of class discussions, I will occasionally use Collaboration pages in OneNote. Students will receive participation points for their input and comments. This is new for students, but we did practice on Friday, March 13, so fingers crossed!

Mrs. Lyle has “piggy-backed” her assignments onto my website and OneNote. The German assignment for the week is listed on my website. Students can link directly to the assignment, complete it online. A German section has been added to students’ ELA OneNote notebook in order to turn in their work.

I am conscious of the fact that students will be spending a lot more time on screens. If your family has a printer, screen time can be reduced by printing pages and working off-screen. If your child completes an assignment the old-fashioned way, on paper, they can turn it by taking a photo of a completed assignment and emailing that to me. I encourage frequent breaks to rest eyes and brains. Physical activity, especially outdoors, is still important for our young people and will help with their overall concentration and focus.

I will generally be near my computer from 9 AM-3PM each day and will check email periodically. Please make every effort to have your child send the first request for help; it's valuable for junior high students to be responsible for their learning and advocate for themselves when they need help. Of course, parents will have questions as well, and I’ll do my best to address your concerns.

My students and you, their families, will be in my prayers. Despite their virtual connections, the physical separation from one another will be a difficult challenge for our kids. May God bless and protect you all.

Peace,
Lisa Wolfanger