Canvas for Parents

A Guide To Utilizing And Navigating Our Learning Management System

What is Canvas?

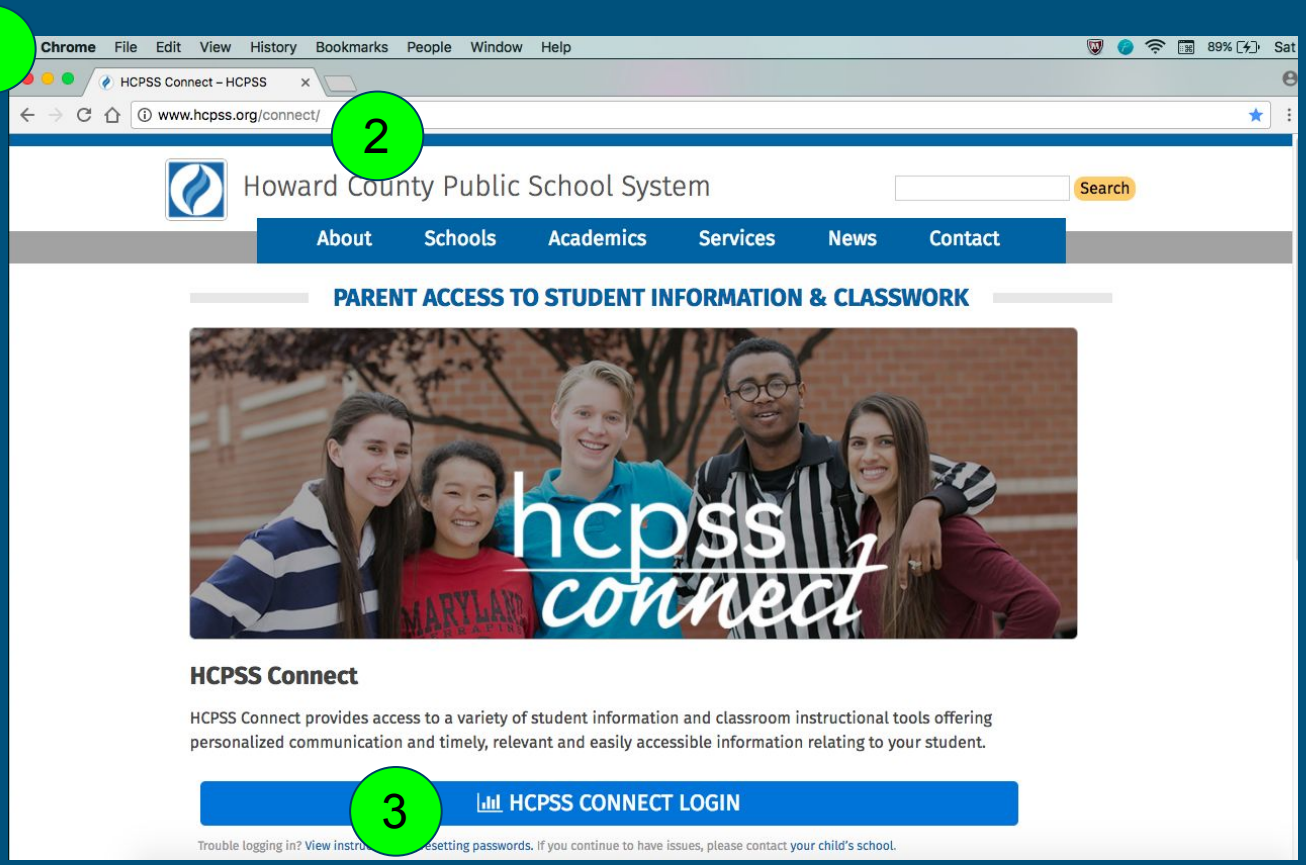
- A Learning Management System
- Teachers have homepages, put grades into Canvas, and can utilize tools like the Calendar, Announcements and the Inbox
- Canvas provides the platform for sharing class resources, detailed and hyperlinked assignments or unit plans, and online blended learning

Canvas Habits

- Students should get into the habit of checking grades, upcoming assignments, announcements etc. daily
  - Students can access Canvas via the web or the Canvas Student App
  - Computers and Internet are available in school
    - Computers can be accessed daily by students during homeroom, and during lunch
- Parents should also get into the habit of checking Canvas
  - Parents can access Canvas via the web (http://www.hcpss.org/connect/) or the Canvas Parent App (for grades only

Logging in to Canvas

1. Open Chrome or Firefox (make sure your browser has been updated).
2. Go to hcpss-connect http://www.hcpss.org/connect/
3. Log in.



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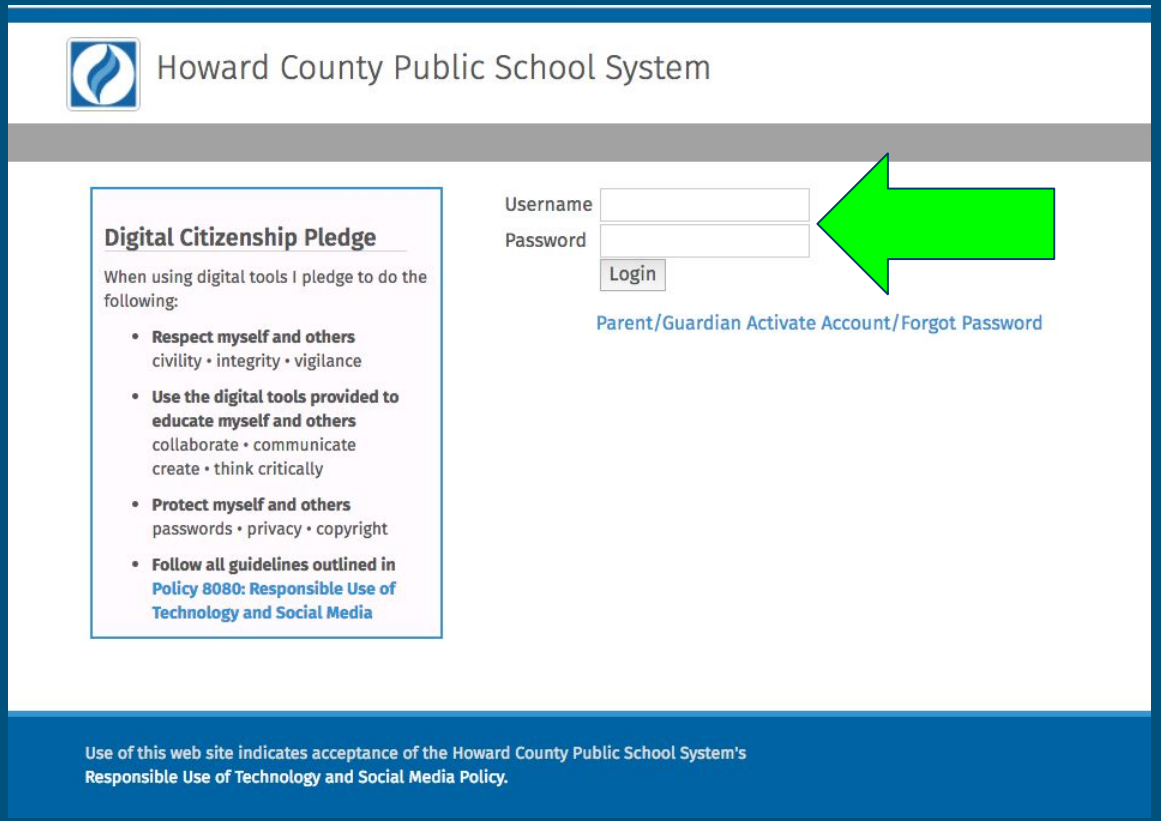

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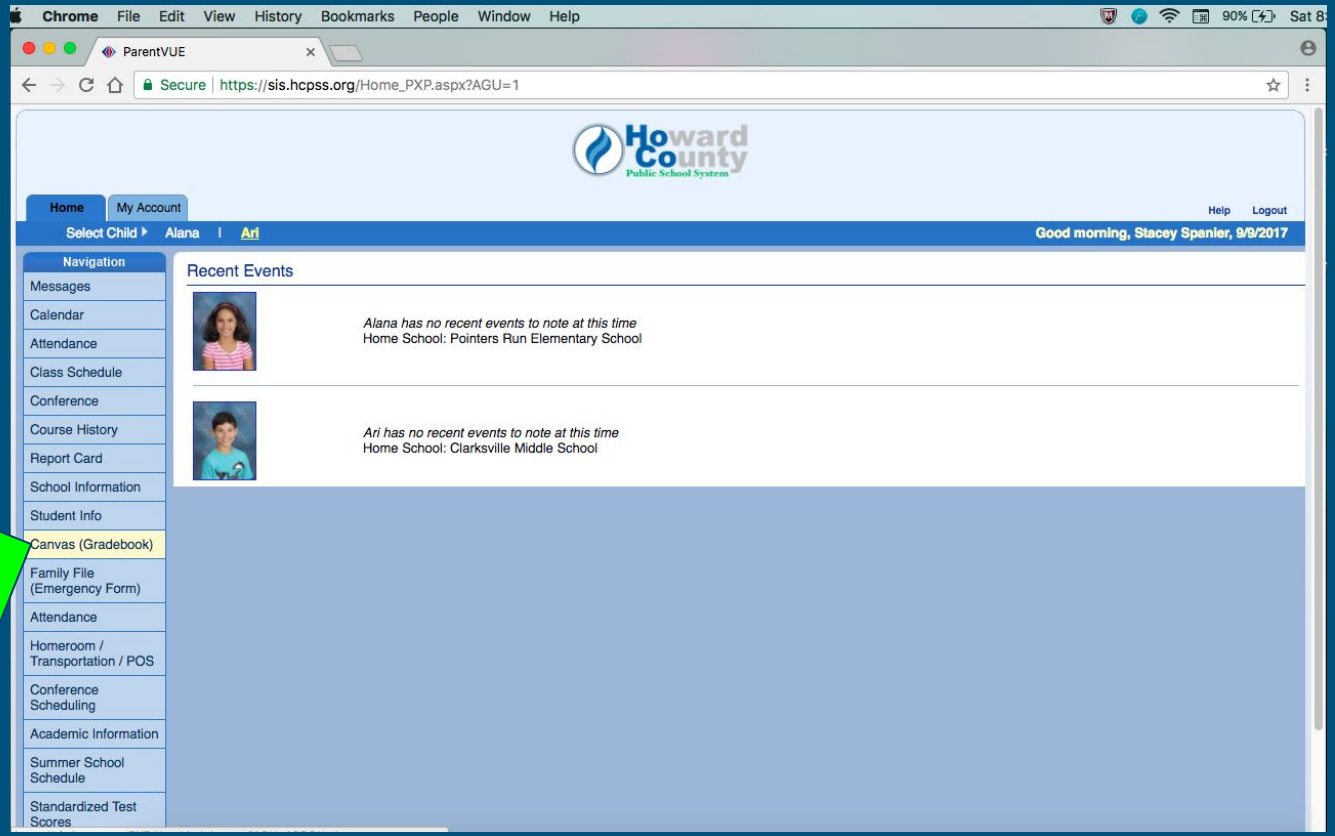
From this home screen, click on Canvas in the left toolbar.



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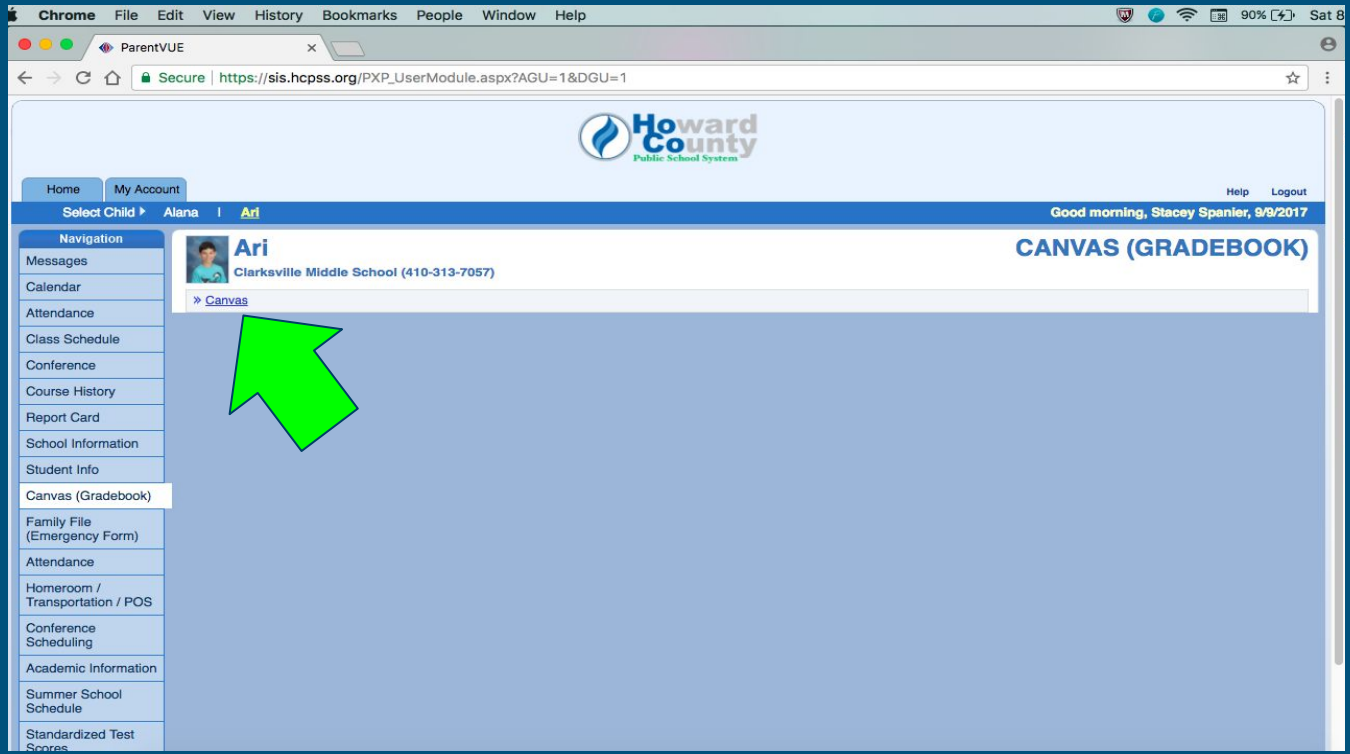
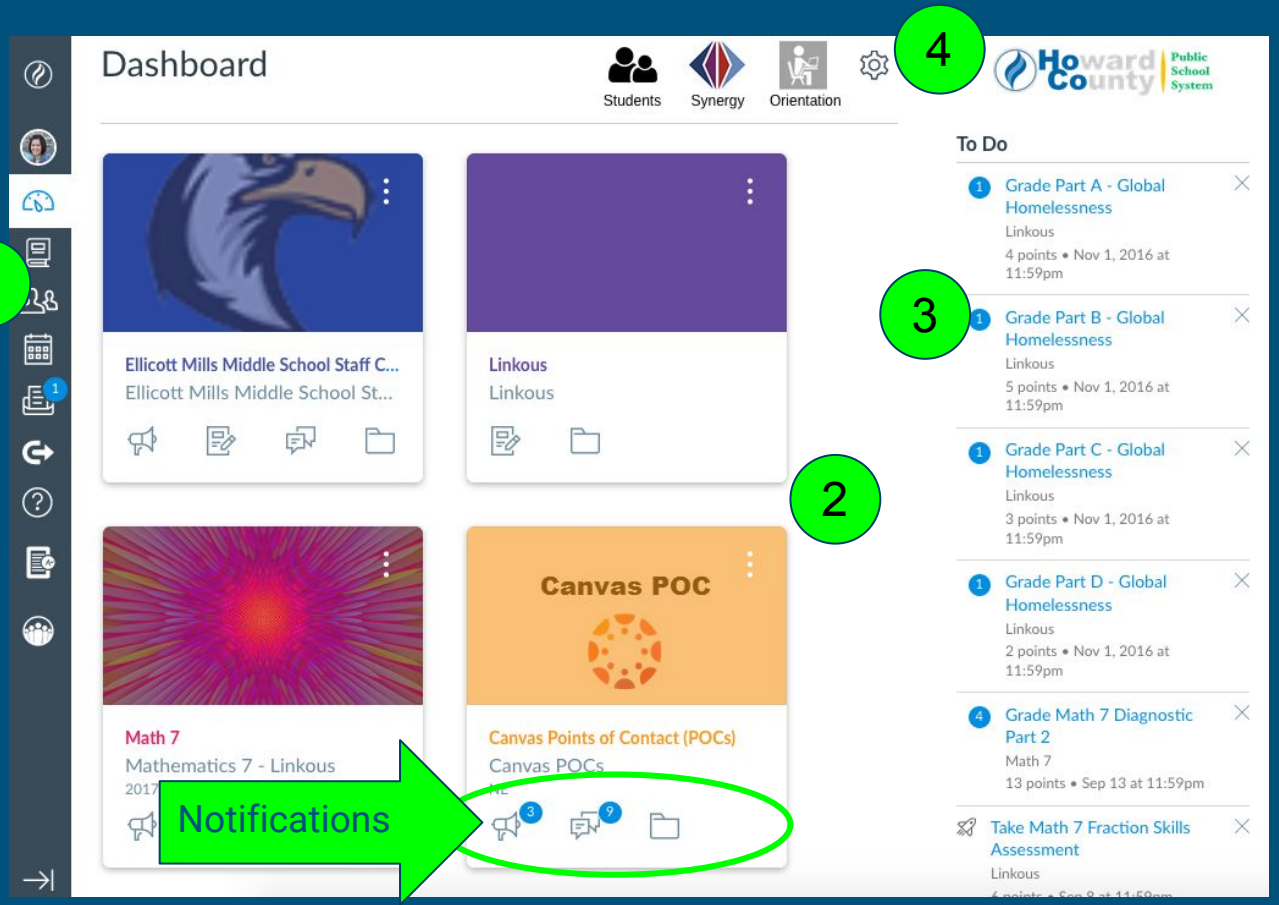
Next, click on the “Canvas” link under your child’s picture.



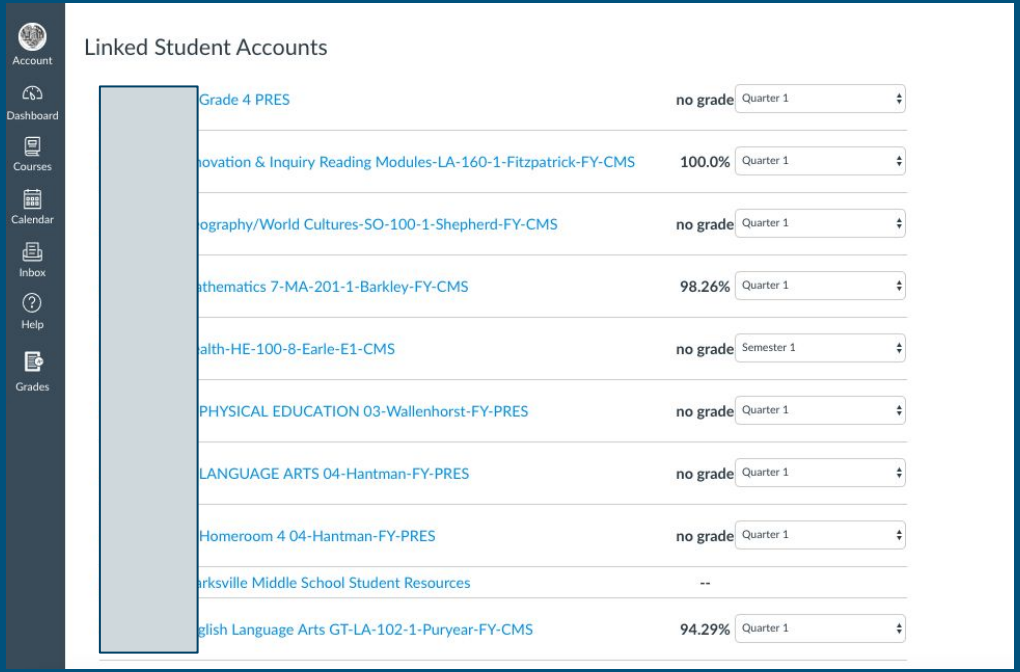
Canvas Dashboard

1. Canvas Toolbar:
   a. Account/settings
   b. Courses
   c. Calendar
   d. Inbox
   e. Help
2. Courses
3. Coming Up
4. Toggle Card View/ Recent Activity



Viewing Grades in Canvas

- View current overall average in each class
- If multiple children, you **cannot** sort by child
- Click on the Course Title to view details



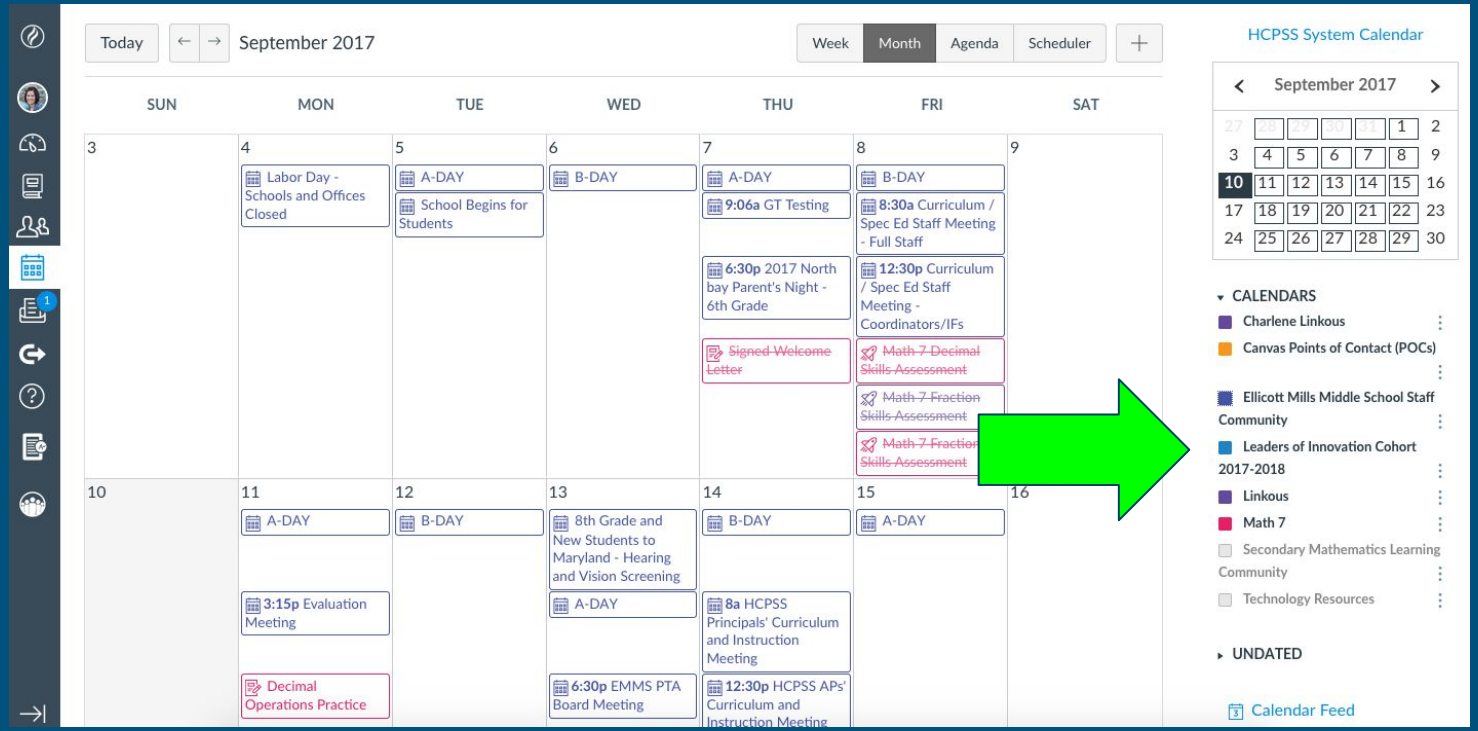
Understanding Grades

- Teachers have 3 weeks to grade an assignment
- A dash (-) means the assignment has not been scored - not that it is missing
- Some assignments may have an online component
  - May be a collaborative Google Doc
  - Student may need to record, use earbuds, or access the internet
- Some teachers utilize weights
  - Tests and quizzes may be worth 20% of the total grade for example
- Teachers may utilize the comments to provide feedback on assignments
- Encourage your student to advocate for his/her learning - students can ask the teacher, or utilize the inbox for questions about grades/assignments

Canvas Calendar

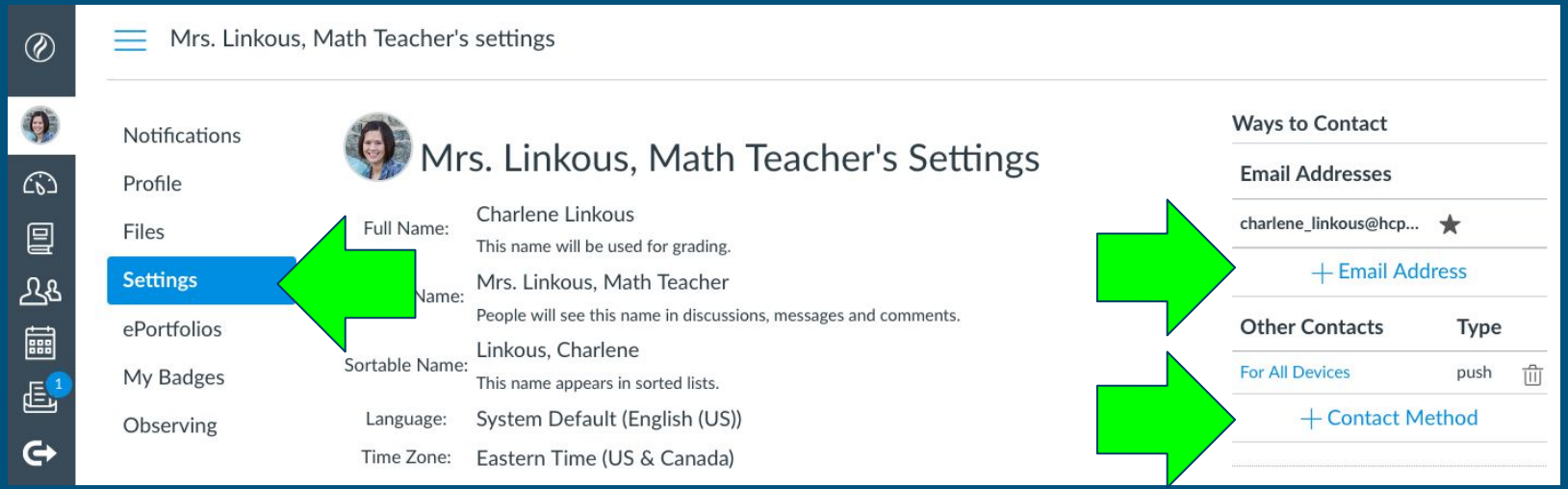
View events and due dates for each class.

Turn calendars on/off.



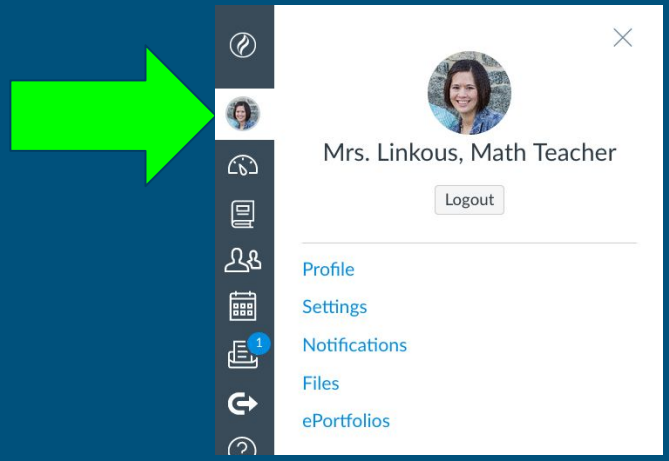
Updating Contact Methods

You can add email address(es) and/or phone numbers.

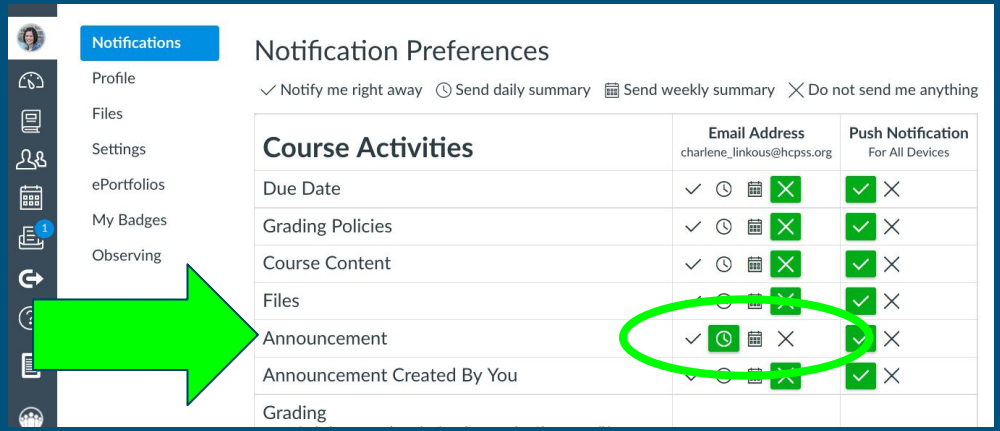


Canvas Notifications

Adjust your contact options and notifications by selecting your account and then selecting notifications.



Notification preferences are personal, but we do advise receiving **Announcement** notifications *immediately* or *daily*.



Canvas Support

- HCPSS Connect
- Guide on How to Set Notifications in Canvas
- Self-paced Tutorial on Getting Started in Canvas
- Help Form for Parents

A member of HCPSS staff will respond, usually within 24 hours.

Questions?