



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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PARENT ACCESS TO STUDENT INFORMATION & CLASSWORK

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HCPSS Connect


HCPSS Connect provides access to a variety of student information and classroom instructional tools offering personalized communication and timely, relevant and easily accessible information relating to your student.

HCPSS CONNECT LOGIN

Trouble logging in? View instructions for resetting passwords. If you continue to have issues, please contact your child's school.

Logging in to Canvas

Log in to
hcpss-connect.



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Digital Citizenship Pledge

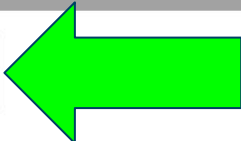
When using digital tools I pledge to do the following:

- **Respect myself and others**
civility • integrity • vigilance
- **Use the digital tools provided to educate myself and others**
collaborate • communicate
create • think critically
- **Protect myself and others**
passwords • privacy • copyright
- **Follow all guidelines outlined in Policy 8080: Responsible Use of Technology and Social Media**

Username

Password

[Parent/Guardian Activate Account/Forgot Password](#)



Use of this web site indicates acceptance of the Howard County Public School System's Responsible Use of Technology and Social Media Policy.

Logging in to Canvas

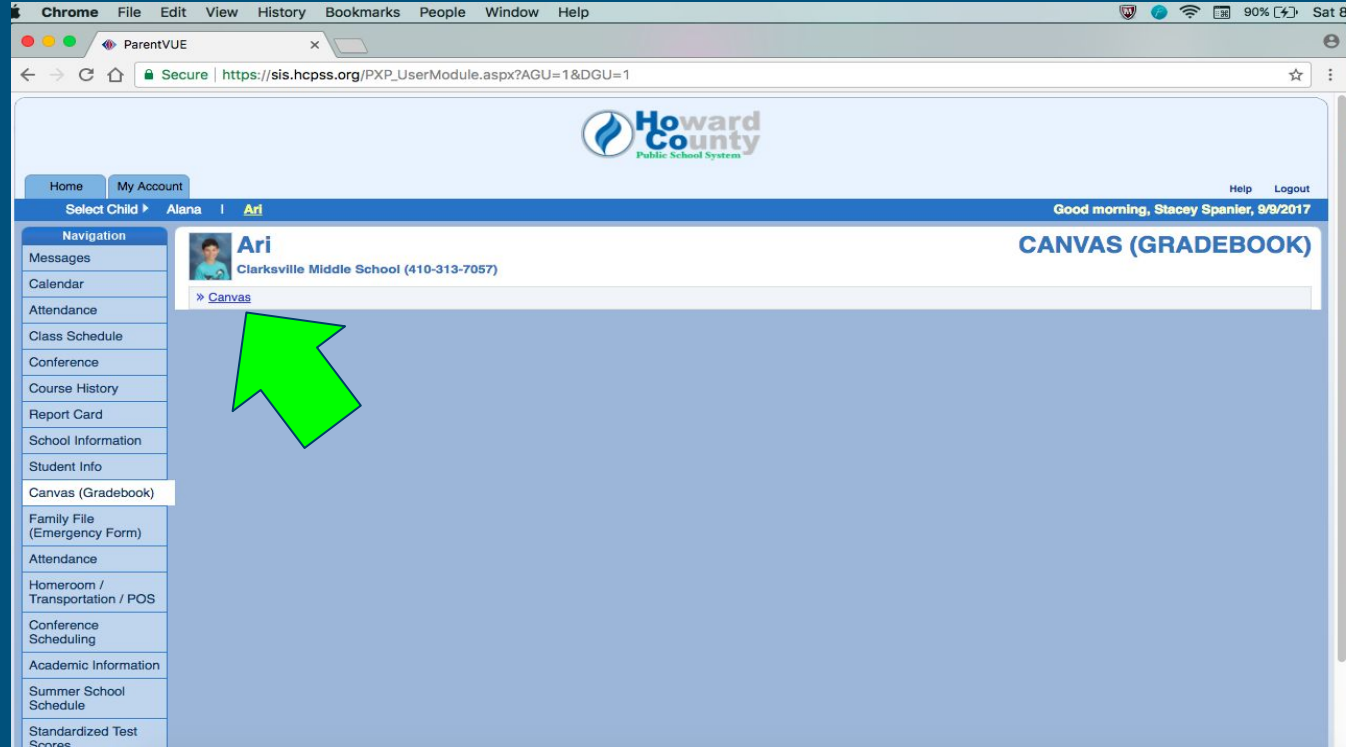
From this home screen, click on Canvas in the left toolbar.



A screenshot of a web browser window displaying the ParentVUE interface. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'https://sis.hcpss.org/Home_PXP.aspx?AGU=1'. The page header includes the Howard County Public School System logo and navigation links for 'Home' and 'My Account'. Below the header, there are tabs for 'Select Child' (Alana) and 'Ari'. A 'Recent Events' section displays two entries: one for Alana at Pointers Run Elementary School and one for Ari at Clarksville Middle School. A left-hand navigation menu lists various options, with 'Canvas (Gradebook)' highlighted in yellow. A green arrow points to this highlighted option.

Logging in to Canvas

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

The screenshot shows the Canvas Dashboard interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Students, Synergy, and Orientation, along with a settings gear icon. The main area contains several cards: 'Ellicott Mills Middle School Staff C...', 'Linkous', 'Math 7', and 'Canvas Points of Contact (POCs)'. A 'To Do' list is visible on the right side, listing tasks like 'Grade Part A - Global Homelessness' and 'Grade Math 7 Diagnostic Part 2'. A green arrow labeled 'Notifications' points to the notification icons on the 'Canvas POCs' card. Four green circles with numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 are placed over the toolbar, the 'Canvas POCs' card, the 'To Do' list, and the settings gear icon, respectively.

Dashboard

Students Synergy Orientation

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To Do

- 1 Grade Part A - Global Homelessness
Linkous
4 points • Nov 1, 2016 at 11:59pm
- 1 Grade Part B - Global Homelessness
Linkous
5 points • Nov 1, 2016 at 11:59pm
- 1 Grade Part C - Global Homelessness
Linkous
3 points • Nov 1, 2016 at 11:59pm
- 1 Grade Part D - Global Homelessness
Linkous
2 points • Nov 1, 2016 at 11:59pm
- 4 Grade Math 7 Diagnostic Part 2
Math 7
13 points • Sep 13 at 11:59pm
- Take Math 7 Fraction Skills Assessment
Linkous
6 points • Sep 8 at 11:59pm

Ellicott Mills Middle School Staff C...
Ellicott Mills Middle School St...

Linkous
Linkous

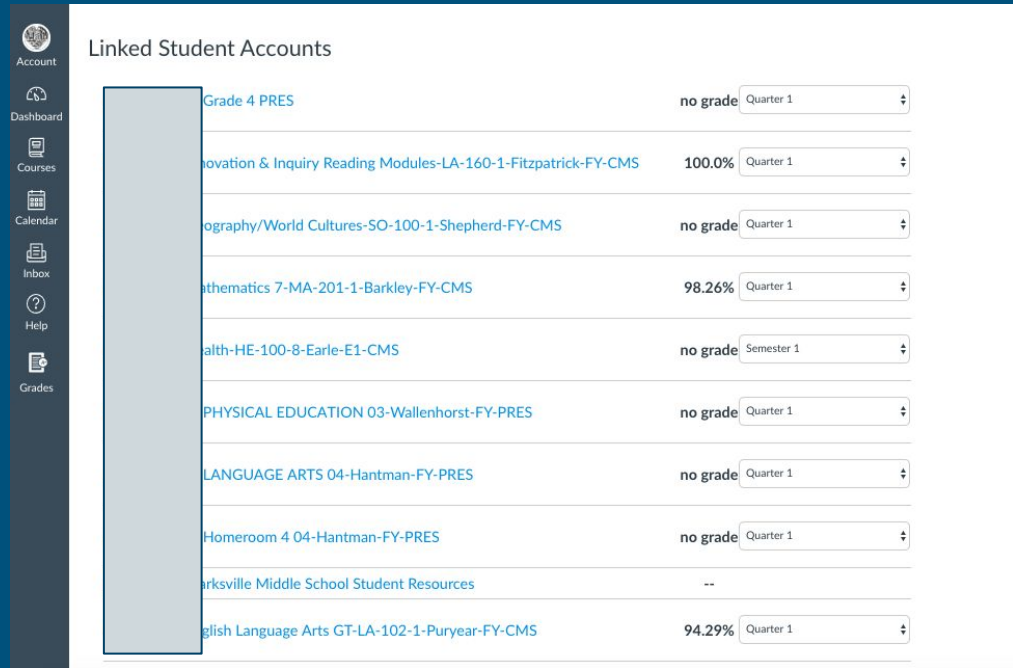
Math 7
Mathematics 7 - Linkous
2017

Canvas POC
Canvas Points of Contact (POCs)
Canvas POCs

Notifications

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



Account

Dashboard

Courses

Calendar

Inbox

Help

Grades

Linked Student Accounts

Grade 4 PRES	no grade	Quarter 1
Innovation & Inquiry Reading Modules-LA-160-1-Fitzpatrick-FY-CMS	100.0%	Quarter 1
ography/World Cultures-SO-100-1-Shepherd-FY-CMS	no grade	Quarter 1
Mathematics 7-MA-201-1-Barkley-FY-CMS	98.26%	Quarter 1
Health-HE-100-8-Earle-E1-CMS	no grade	Semester 1
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 03-Wallenhorst-FY-PRES	no grade	Quarter 1
LANGUAGE ARTS 04-Hantman-FY-PRES	no grade	Quarter 1
Homeroom 4 04-Hantman-FY-PRES	no grade	Quarter 1
arkville Middle School Student Resources	--	
English Language Arts GT-LA-102-1-Puryear-FY-CMS	94.29%	Quarter 1

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.

Today ← → September 2017

Week Month Agenda Scheduler +

HCPSS System Calendar

< September 2017 >

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3	4 Labor Day - Schools and Offices Closed	5 A-DAY School Begins for Students	6 B-DAY	7 A-DAY 9:06a GT Testing	8 B-DAY 8:30a Curriculum / Spec Ed Staff Meeting - Full Staff 6:30p 2017 North bay Parent's Night - 6th Grade Signed-Welcome Letter	9
10	11 A-DAY 3:15p Evaluation Meeting Decimal Operations Practice	12 B-DAY	13 8th Grade and New Students to Maryland - Hearing and Vision Screening A-DAY	14 B-DAY 8a HCPSS Principals' Curriculum and Instruction Meeting	15 A-DAY Math-7-Decimal Skills-Assessment Math-7-Fraction Skills-Assessment Math-7-Fraction Skills-Assessment	16

CALENDARS

- Charlene Linkous
- Canvas Points of Contact (POCs)
- Ellicott Mills Middle School Staff Community
- Leaders of Innovation Cohort 2017-2018
- Linkous
- Math 7
- Secondary Mathematics Learning Community
- Technology Resources

UNDATED

Calendar Feed

Updating Contact Methods

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

Mrs. Linkous, Math Teacher's settings

Notifications
Profile
Files
Settings
ePortfolios
My Badges
Observing

Mrs. Linkous, Math Teacher's Settings

Full Name: Charlene Linkous
This name will be used for grading.

Name: Mrs. Linkous, Math Teacher
People will see this name in discussions, messages and comments.

Sortable Name: Linkous, Charlene
This name appears in sorted lists.

Language: System Default (English (US))

Time Zone: Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Ways to Contact

Email Addresses

charlene_linkous@hcp... ★

+ Email Address

Other Contacts

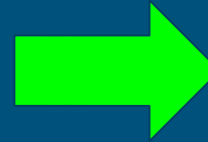
	Type
For All Devices	push

+ Contact Method

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.



Mrs. Linkous, Math Teacher

Logout

- Profile
- Settings
- Notifications
- Files
- ePortfolios

Notifications

Notification Preferences

Notify me right away Send daily summary Send weekly summary Do not send me anything

Course Activities	Email Address charlene_linkous@hcpss.org	Push Notification For All Devices
Due Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Grading Policies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Course Content	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Files	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Announcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Announcement Created By You	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Grading	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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?

