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Letter to Parents

Dear SUHSD Parents/Students,

SUHSD has two new and exciting technology and learning products available to SUHSD students for the 2013-2014 school year.

Google Drive

When students return to school in July they will receive account information on their locator card regarding a free SUHSD Google Drive account. Google has made it's suite of productivity tools (similar to Microsoft Office) along with G-mail available to school districts nationwide. The service is free to school district staff and students. As result, students will benefit from the following:

- A school Gmail account associated with SUHSD with a district assigned address e.g. ddamico@sweetwaterschools.net
- A personal 10 GB cloud drive accessible from any computer, mobile device, or tablet that has Internet access (at home or at school)
- Full use of Google Docs for school work

Your child should provide you with his/her e-mail address along with his/her password. We strongly recommend that you establish a practice of monitoring your child's account frequently both to encourage the use of e-mail for school related communication as well as to review school work created and saved in Google Drive.

Jupiter Grades

The District has adopted a digital gradebook called Jupiter Grades that will allow teachers to communicate with students/parents (and vice-versa) as well as post grades for assigned work. One of the great features of Jupiter Grades for parents is they can choose to receive a text or e-mail message from Jupiter every time a teacher posts a grade for assigned work.

If you have provided an e-mail address via the online registration process, this is the address we will use with Jupiter Grades. If you have not provided an e-mail address of any kind, we ask that you do so in order to ensure you get parent access to Jupiter Grades.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me at david.damico@sweetwaterschools.org. I am more than happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

David Damico, SUHSD Educational Technology