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Dear Canonsburg Middle School Parent/Guardian:

As a part of Canon-McMillan's ongoing effort to curb costs and "go green" without impacting the educational programs and services, the district is moving to a "paperless" progress report system for the 2012-2013 school year in grades 5 - 12. The transition will save significant tax payer dollars, which would have been expended for paper, printing, and postage. In addition to saving on costs and being environmentally friendly, the trend is also supported by a recent national survey indicating parents prefer email notifications over traditional print notifications (National School Public Relations, 2011).

Please make sure the school has your up-to-date email address in the PowerSchool system. All progress reports will be sent via email starting the second nine-week period. Lastly, you can always locate your child's most recent grade in any class via the PowerSchool Parent Portal. You may also take advantage of signing up for updates whenever your child's grade is updated in the system.

Canonsburg Middle School strives to continue to provide a variety of modes of communication to keep our parents up-to-date. The middle school website, online calendar, PowerSchool Parent Portal, and team blogs are very beneficial and worth a visit on a weekly basis.

Once again, to help with this effort, parents are asked to provide their valid and up-to-date e-mail address to receive progress report information. If you have any questions or do not have Internet access, please contact the school office at 724-745-9030.

Sincerely,

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