



### **Canvas Tips for Parents**

#### **Introducing Canvas**

Millington Municipal Schools is now using Canvas as our learning management system that supports online learning and teaching. To help support students in teaching and learning activities via Canvas, Parents & Guardians can claim an **Observer role**, which allows them to view courses where their students are enrolled, view the course syllabus and calendar, and monitor their student's performance on Canvas assignments. This quick guide provides information about how to create an Observer account on your desktop or laptop computer and how to pair the account with your student(s).

#### **Update your Notifications & Settings**

Stay up to date with your student's learning by making sure your notifications are going to the correct email address or phone number.

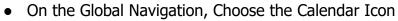
- Updating Contact Information
  - Go into Account>Settings
  - Make sure the correct email address and/or phone number is up to date
- Updating Your Notifications
  - Go into Account>Notifications
  - Set Notifications to receive them when you would like



 Recommended Notifications to turn on right away: Announcements, Grading, invitations, Conversation Message, Appointments

#### Canvas Calendar

Make sure your <u>Canvas Calendar</u> is set up and your student's assignments. By accessing the calendar you can view everything that your student(s) has to do for their courses.



- On the right hand side, make sure your student's active courses are turned 'ON' by selecting the box next to the course name
- Color code the courses (you can color code based on student or course)
- Click directly on the assignment to see it's details
- If an assignment is crossed out, that means the student submitted it.







#### **Canvas Parent App**



In the Canvas Parent App, as an Observer, you can check your student's grades, view assignment details, message the teacher, and view alerts of student activity. The Canvas

Parent app is available on <u>Android</u> and <u>iOS</u> devices. You can also set push notifications to receive notifications about your student's courses directly to your phone.

### **Organize Your Canvas Dashboard**

When you log into Canvas, you land on the dashboard where you can see all or most of the courses your student is enrolled in, those are called **course tiles**. You are able to drag and drop courses to organize them to your liking. You can also hide courses you don't need to see by clicking on the three dots in the course tile, choose 'Move' then 'Unfavorite.' This will place the course in the 'Courses' Tab of the Global Navigation.

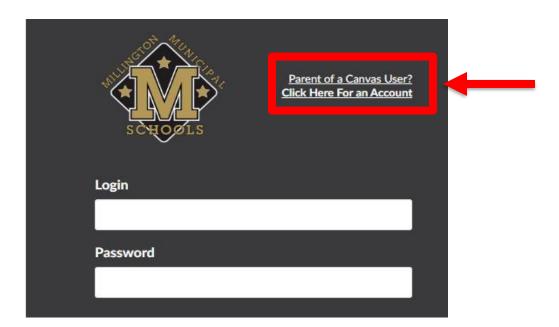
\*If you have multiple students, you can see on the bottom of the course tile, which student is in that particular course





### Claim and set up your Canvas Observer Account

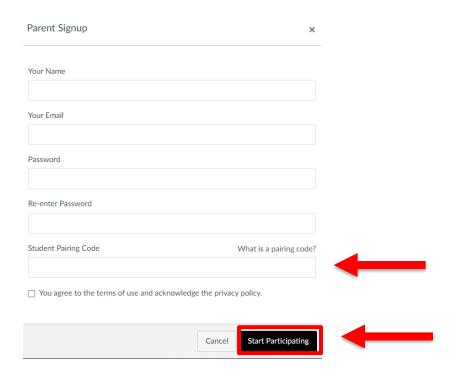
- 1. Please contact your student's teacher to get a Pairing code. *The Paring Code is only valid for seven days.*
- 2. Open a browser window and enter <a href="https://millingtonschools.instructure.com/login/canvas">https://millingtonschools.instructure.com/login/canvas</a>
- 3. Click *Click Here For an Account*



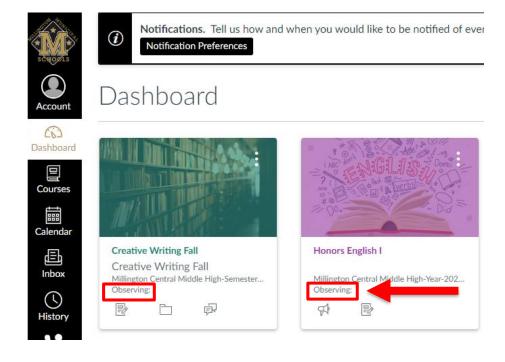




4. Complete ALL the fields in the **Parent Signup**, notice Student Paring Code. Click **Start Participating** 



5. You should see your student's classes as an **Observer**.





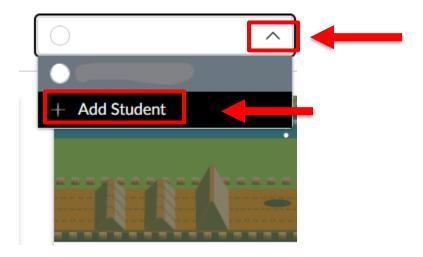


### Pairing your observer account with additional students

- 1. Have the Pairing codes from the student's account (**7-12 Only**) or reach out to your student's teacher (**Pre-K-6 Only**).
- 2. Login in using your new account login information.



3. On the right of the **Dashboard**, Click the *dropdown* menu and Click + *Add Student* 







4. Type the pairing code in the *Pairing Code* field and click the *Pair* button.

