



Classroom

# Parent's Guide to Google Classroom

(summary)

## What is Google Classroom

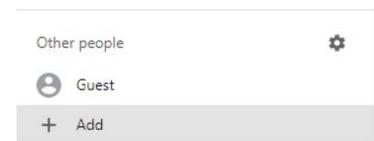
Think of Google Classroom (GC) as your child's digital link to learning. Teachers use GC to share assignments, homework, newsletters, and much more with students AND parents!

## Getting Started

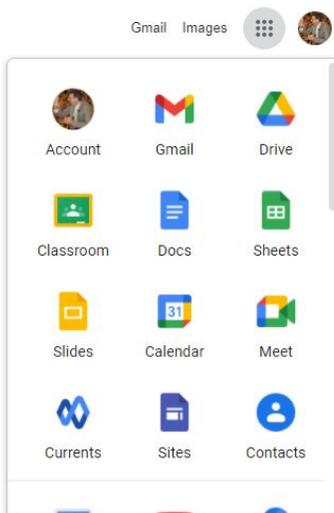
Your child was provided with a secure login and password that is unique to them. It should be their [firstname.lastname@edu.sturgeon.ab.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@edu.sturgeon.ab.ca) with a unique password. Check with his/her teacher to obtain this private information.

### Logging in and Finding Google Classroom

1. Click on your browser icon to connect to the web (Google Chrome works best)
2. Go to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com). If it says "Sign in" in the top right corner, please do with your child's login information. If it already has a circle in the top corner, click on it to see if it is your child's account. If not, you should add an account with their login.
3. Once logged in, you should see many Google Apps for education and if you are using Chrome, a few very helpful add-ons will load.



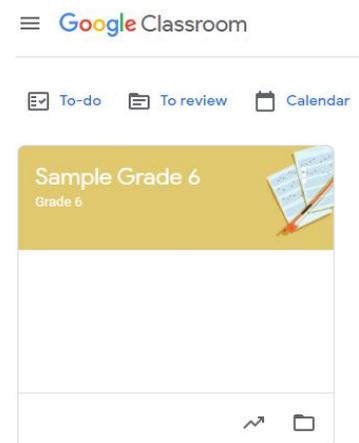
(Read/Write text, Screen/Webcam recording)



Click on the 9 squares (Waffle/Rubik's Cube) icon in the top right hand corner to see the Google Suite of products, including Classroom.

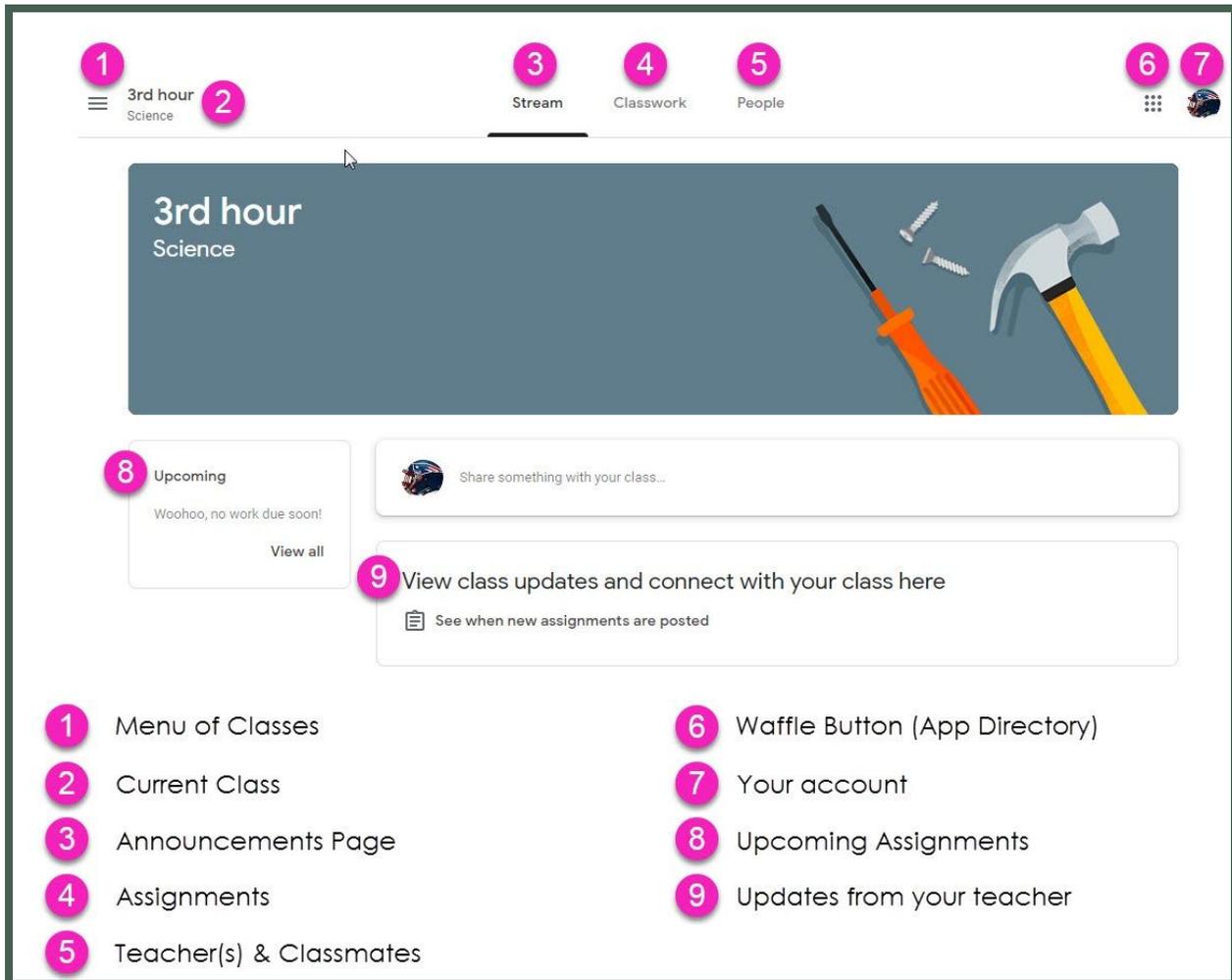
### Getting into Classroom

1. Click on the 9 squares or waffle button and then click on the Google Classroom icon.
2. Find the class you want to view and click on the title bar.
3. Take a moment to explore this home screen for Google Classroom





## Classroom Home Screen



The screenshot shows the Classroom Home Screen interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with several elements: a menu icon (1), the current class name '3rd hour Science' (2), a 'Stream' button (3), a 'Classwork' button (4), a 'People' button (5), a 'Waffle Button' (6), and a user profile icon (7). Below the navigation bar is a large banner for the current class, '3rd hour Science', featuring an illustration of tools like a screwdriver, screws, and a hammer. Underneath the banner, there is an 'Upcoming' section (8) with a message 'Woohoo, no work due soon!' and a 'View all' link. To the right of this is a 'Share something with your class...' input field. Below these is a section for 'View class updates and connect with your class here' (9), which includes a 'See when new assignments are posted' option. At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a legend with numbered callouts 1-9 corresponding to the elements in the interface.

1	Menu of Classes	6	Waffle Button (App Directory)
2	Current Class	7	Your account
3	Announcements Page	8	Upcoming Assignments
4	Assignments	9	Updates from your teacher
5	Teacher(s) & Classmates		

The two most commonly used areas are “(3) Stream” and “(4) Classwork”.

### Stream

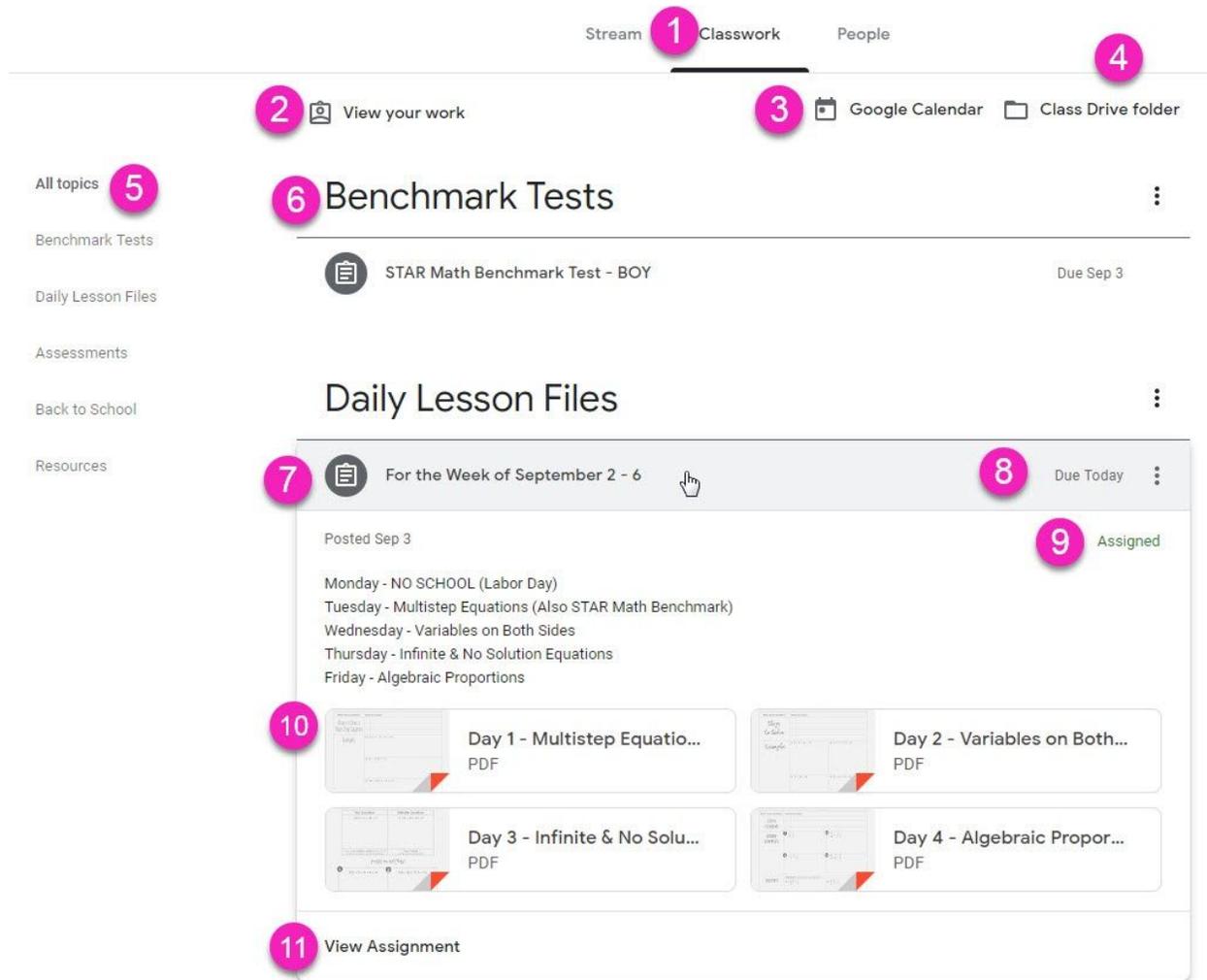
- This is a running announcement page. It may be used by teachers to announce upcoming assignments, or simply pose questions for students to comment on.
- HOWEVER, the stream can become confusing as it keeps the latest activity at the top. So, if a teacher later in the year edits an earlier assignment, it appears automatically at the top, and can confuse students in thinking it is a fresh assignment.

### Classwork

- This is the area that teachers can organize their course. Most include easy links at the top in a “Resource” section with links to textbooks, online sites, and other commonly referenced resources. Then other sections by topic or unit with all the activities and assignments available for students.



## Classwork Home Screen or Tab



The screenshot shows the Classwork Home Screen interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Stream', 'Classwork' (highlighted with a pink circle 1), and 'People'. Below the tabs, there are icons for 'View your work' (2), 'Google Calendar' (3), and 'Class Drive folder' (4). On the left side, there is a sidebar with 'All topics' (5), 'Benchmark Tests', 'Daily Lesson Files', 'Assessments', 'Back to School', and 'Resources'. The main content area shows 'Benchmark Tests' (6) with a card for 'STAR Math Benchmark Test - BOY' due Sep 3. Below that is 'Daily Lesson Files' (7) with a card for 'For the Week of September 2 - 6' due Today (8). The card lists the days and includes four PDF attachments: 'Day 1 - Multistep Equatio...' (10), 'Day 2 - Variables on Both...' (10), 'Day 3 - Infinite & No Solu...' (10), and 'Day 4 - Algebraic Propor...' (10). The status 'Assigned' (9) is shown in the top right of the card. At the bottom of the card is a 'View Assignment' button (11).

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|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Classwork Tab   | 5 Topics available    | 9 Assignment Status         |
| 2 See your Grades | 6 Topic Headings      | 10 Attached files/links     |
| 3 See Due Dates   | 7 Assignment Title    | 11 Click to view assignment |
| 4 View your files | 8 Assignment Due Date |                             |

This is where most students will spend their time finding, completing, and handing in their work.

### Next Steps

For a video walk through of this, [check out this video](#). Also, a special thanks to [Mr. Vacca](#) from Mohonasen High School for the general outline of this guide.

