**The Impact of Cancer…. Family Project a.k.a. “A Family in Crisis”**

You are a family… One of you has just found out you have cancer. Your whole world is turned upside down….

Your assignment is to investigate and discover all the intricate parts of how this would affect a **real family unit.**

You are to use you critical thinking, problem solving, and analytical skills. This will also require accessing and analyzing information, collaboration, effective communication and using your imagination.

Mrs. C will choose the family you are in… after all… you don’t get to choose that do you?

Your “Family” will choose the cancer and the stage of cancer ….. realistically, that is not chosen either… that is just whatever life deals you.

You will pick a person out of the hat to decide who is the one affected by the cancer.

You will investigate the following topics…. This is not an exhaustive list…. There may be others that your family will experience.

* + What support is there… For all family members?
  + Where do we get information about the cancer?
  + How would a real family process this information?
  + Are there stages of “acceptance”?
  + What does the future hold?
  + What is the prognosis?
  + What is the financial burden?
  + What are common insurance problems that are encountered?
  + How will this affect our marriage?
  + How will this affect our friendships?

Please sit together for the remainder of this unit so that you can feel like a family… and discuss it during down times.

It is also suggested that you create a google document so that all family members can work on it simultaneously at home.

You will also need to decide who is the Father, Mother and other family members.

**Your “Family” will decide how to present this information to the class. Be creative!**

**Due date to be determined☺**

**Timeline**

**Project Introduction--- Wed. Feb.10th**

**Class Research time in “Families” – Wed. Feb. 10th and Fri. Feb. 12th**

**Pulse Check/ Rough Draft due-- Tues. Feb. 16th----- “Share” your Googledoc with** [**mcowley@wcpss.net**](mailto:mcowley@wcpss.net) **( yes for a grade)**

**Project due… Short presentation (5-8 min.) to the class… Monday Feb. 22nd (Group and Individual Grade)**