



# TEN Tips for OBSERVERS

A.K.A PARENTS

## You need a PAIRING code:

1. [Your child can generate a code through their Canvas \(web version\)](#)
2. Instructors can also generate pairing codes (if given appropriate permissions)

## Create Your Account:

1. [Visit the URL of your school's Canvas instance](#)
  - You may have to use <https://riverbendschools.instructure.com/login/canvas>
2. [\(or\) Download the "Canvas Parent App" and create your account there](#)

\*\*If you have additional children from the same institution - [CLICK HERE](#)\*\*

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## TIP # 1: [Customize Your Dashboard!](#)

- Color code each child's course tile or
- Rename each course tile with a nickname
- Rearrange dashboard tiles

## TIP # 2: [Adjust Your Notifications](#)

- Account > Notifications.. And adjust

## TIP # 3: [Visit the Calendar](#)

- View calendar events by week, month, or agenda list
- Only 10 course and group calendars will be shown at one time
- Icons indicate:



EVENT



ASSIGNMENT



QUIZ



DISCUSSION



## TIP # 4: [Message a teacher](#)

- The Canvas inbox allows you to communicate with teachers

**TIP # 5: [View grades](#)**

- Select VIEW GRADES from the dashboard for a high-level overview
- OR Select a course dash card from the dashboard > grades for more detail

**TIP # 6: Download “CANVAS PARENT” App**

- [Canvas Parent for iOS](#)
- [Canvas Parent for Android](#)



**TIP # 7: Log in to CANVAS PARENT (iOS) (Android)**

- Via Canvas URL ([iOS](#)) ([Android](#))
- Via QR code - NEW!!!! ([iOS](#))

**TIP # 8: View Courses ([iOS](#)) ([Android](#))**

- The default view shows the course list and current grade
- Tap the course name for more information

**TIP # 9: View the Calendar on the app! ([iOS](#)) ([Android](#))**

- The app allows you to see events and assignments for one student at a time.
- Multiple dots indicate multiple assignments or events
- Select the assignment to “Set Reminder”

**TIP # 10: Set Alerts! ([iOS](#)) ([Android](#))**

- Manage alerts for your linked children including:
  - Course grades
  - Missing assignments
  - Assignment grades
  - Announcements
- Go to Manage Students > select student > adjust alerts
- Then, view alerts ([iOS](#)) ([Android](#))