



April 17, 2020

With Faith & Service, We SOAR

Dear St. John Families,

Thank you to all of our parents who took the survey about online learning. Our next Principal Chat will take place on Tuesday, April 21. I will share a summary of the results of our parent survey then.

You may have noticed articles popping up about online interactive platforms such as Zoom relating to security issues. Our technology team at the Archdiocese continues to research and provide guidance on tools to use for online instruction. Our teachers are not posting links for meetings on a public forum, and all meetings now require a password. The teachers also have to admit participants in the class. Both Google Meet and Zoom continue to be approved for online instruction.

Please take special note of our Continuous Learning section. There are a few updates.

Finally, congratulations to all of our students whose handwriting samples were submitted to the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest. The list of grade-level winners is below. A special congratulations to Emma Persico (Grade 2) and Carlee Thoner (Grade 4) for being named Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest State Winners. They will now compete for the national title.

Many blessings,

Mrs. Blake

Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest

Congratulations to the following students who were grade-level winners for the handwriting contest.

Kindergarten- Preston Wilkinson

Grade 1- Jackson Williams

Grade 2- Emma Persico * State Winner

Grade 3- Ben Hecht

Grade 4- Carlee Thoner *State Winner

Grade 5- Noah Acord

Grade 6- John Hoang

Grade 7- Olivia DiCocco

Grade 8- Lily Danna

Continuous Learning

Starting on Monday students in K-8 will receive a weekly lesson for music, art, PE, and computer. Ms. S and Mr. Bentley will be posting links with videos and directions on the homeroom teachers' websites. Middle school students will also have additional Zoom conferences with their religion, science, social studies, and Spanish teachers.

The middle school and intermediate grade schedules are at the end of the update. Preschool through kindergarten will receive their activity schedules and assignments from their teachers. Please make sure that you check your email for communications and teachers' websites daily. If you have any questions about academic work, contact your child's teacher. Thank you for your amazing support!

Spirit Tuesday

On Tuesdays we will have a special theme and students can show their participation by posting photos on our Facebook page. Our next SJE Spirit Day is **Tuesday, April 21, and it will be Crazy Hair Day**. Post a picture of a hair style that you always wanted to wear to school but couldn't!

Thankful Thursday

During this unprecedented time there have been so many heroes in our community who are keeping us safe and providing much needed services. On Thankful Thursday we are asking students to make

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signs and cards or find other creative ways to thank these amazing people. **On Thursday, April 23, let's show our gratitude to essential employees (grocery store workers, delivery people, mail carriers, etc.)** Post your signs and cards on our SJE Facebook page.

If you're not sure how to post your pictures on Facebook for Spirit Tuesdays and Thankful Thursdays, just send them to Mrs. Phelps via ephelps@stjohnschoolgv.org or text (4108125939), and she will post them for you.

Funny Friday

We still need your help with **jokes for our April 24 videos**. Send your joke videos to Mrs. Blake at cblake@stjohnschoolgv.org. A special thank you to Mr. Bentley for putting it all together!

Race for Education 2020- Rescheduled for May 22

Our **Race for Education** has been rescheduled for **Friday, May 22**, Olympic Day. Students will have a scheduled time to complete their laps and still participate in a variety of fun games and activities. The traditional softball game for Grades 7 and 8 will also remain in the afternoon. Click here to access our landing page. (bit.ly/RFE20donate)

HASA 2020-2021 Volunteer Form

HASA is already planning for next year, and we need you! Please take a look at the following survey on the link below and see how you can support our school. There is the place to sign up to be a class parent or a HASA Committee Member as well as organizing and volunteering for events. Just click on the link and complete the form. You will be contacted by a member of HASA before the end of the school year.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHoQAmCWNt85pOciKKAJhQixyJ3w3yx5ebKpV1LXnCcGh2N9g/viewform>

HASA News

Signupgenius.com

HASA is currently working on streamlining all our volunteer opportunities into one location! You can now go

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/signUps/findSignUp>

[Results](#) to see how you can help. Bookmark this page and check back frequently as we continue to bring all of our needs into one location!

Lunch Duty Sign-up

Below you will find the sign-up links for lunch duty. Parents are kindly asked to volunteer for 2-3 lunch duties per child throughout the school year.

Grade 2

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BACAF2DAAFC1-2ndgrade1>

Grade 1

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BACAF2DAAFC1-1stgrade1>

Volunteering and VIRTUS

If you want to volunteer and/or attend field trips and Olympic Day, you must be current with the VIRTUS screening and training. Complete or update your certification easily online at <http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>. Please contact Mary Beth Bressler at stand@stjohnschoolgv.org if you have any questions. (bit.ly/RFE20donate)

Spirit Day

Once a month on the Tuesday that we have our pizza lunch in the Church Hall, we also have a special spirit day. Our student council chooses a theme, and students can wear t-shirts, socks, and hair accessories reflective of that theme with their gym pants and gym shoes. Our next SJE Spirit Day is May 19, and no donation is required. The theme will change each month and be announced in the weekly update.

School Calendar Dates for 2020-2021

**First Day-8/31/20 Noon Dismissal
AOB Professional Day- 10/16/20 School Closed
Thanksgiving- 11/25/20-11/27/20 School Closed
Christmas- 12/18/20 Noon Dismissal
12/21/20- 1/3/21 School Closed
MLK Day- 1/18/21 School Closed
Winter Professional Day-2/12/21 School Closed
Presidents Day-2/15/21 School Closed
AOB Professional Day- 3/5/21 School Closed
Easter- 4/2/21- 4/11/21 School Closed**

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Memorial Day- 5/31/21 School Closed

Graduation- 6/7/21

Last Day- 6/10/21- Dismissal after Mass

**Additional Noon Dismissals-9/4/20, 9/25/20,
10/30/20, 2/5/21, 3/4/21, 4/1/21, 4/23/21, 6/8/21,
6/9/21**

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Continuous Learning Schedule

Middle School

We will be following a schedule for online learning in ELA, math, science, social studies, Spanish, and religion to make things more consistent and easier for our families to navigate. At this time the expectation is that students are working every day in ELA and math. Science, social studies, Spanish, and religion teachers are meeting with their classes once per week to check in and explain the weekly assignment which will be due at their next scheduled weekly meeting.

Students will be expected to “attend” class at their scheduled time. This will allow teachers to set up online meetings or use discussion boards in real time. It will also allow students to ask questions as necessary. On Tuesdays and Thursdays ELA and math teachers will be available over Edmodo to respond to students' questions during their posted office hours.

Online Classes Monday (M)/ Wednesday (W)/ Friday (F)

Time	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
9:00 am to 9:45 am	Math (M,W,F)	ELA (M,W,F)	ELA 8 (M,W,F)
10:00 am to 10:45 am	ELA (M,W,F)	Math (M,W,F)	Religion (M) Social Studies (W) Spanish (F)
11:00 am to 11:45 am	Religion (M) Spanish (W) Science (F)	Religion (M) Science (W) Spanish (F)	Math 8 (M,W,F)
1:00 am to 1:30 am	Social Studies (M)	Spanish (M)	Science (W)

Teacher Online Office Hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Days	Mr. Wildasin/ Mrs. Loraditch	Mrs. Schmidt	Ms. Thomas
Tuesday	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	9:00 am to 11:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	9:00 am to 11:00 pm

Grades 3-5

Students will access the given platform to receive real time digital lessons and instruction Tuesdays and Thursdays for math and ELA and will complete independent assignments on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. **Parents are encouraged to follow the independent work day schedule for continuity of at-home learning.** Students will be expected to submit work by a specified time each day.

Additional assignments will be posted for religion, science, and social studies.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Independent Work Day	Digital Work Day	Independent Work Day	Digital Work Day	Independent Work Day
Math Assignment	Math 9:00-9:40	Math Assignment	Math 9:00-9:40	Math Assignment
ELA Assignment	ELA 10:00- 10:40	ELA Assignment	ELA 10:00- 10:40	ELA Assignment
Religion Assignment		Social Studies Assignment		Science Assignment
All work must be submitted by 9:00 pm unless otherwise noted.		All work must be submitted by 9:00 pm unless otherwise noted.		All work must be submitted by 9:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

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Teacher Online Office Hours

Mrs. Coleman	Ms. Smythe	Mrs. Steele
9:00 am- 11:00 am	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	10:00 am to 12:00 pm



APR 04
EASTER BREAK
SPEND TIME WITH THE LORD

APR 05
PALM SUNDAY
PUT A BRANCH ON YOUR DOOR

APR 12
EASTER
SHARE PIX: YOUR FAMILY EASTER

APR 16
THANKFUL THURSDAY
SHARE PIX: FIRST RESPONDERS

APR 17
FUNNY FRIDAY
RECORD YOUR FAVORITE JOKE

APR 21
SPIRIT TUESDAY
SHARE PIX: CRAZY HAIR DAY

APR 23
THANKFUL THURSDAY
SHARE PIX: PEOPLE KEEPING US FED

APR 24
FUNNY FRIDAY
RECORD YOUR FAVORITE JOKE

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