

Distance Learning Plan

SJS Families,

In order to best support our students and staff, we have developed the following plan for distance learning in the case of quarantining for students. This plan is subject to change as the school's administration sees fit, and any changes or updates will be communicated to families. The goal of this plan is to have a level of sustainability for the staff so that effective teaching can continue despite the challenges that COVID-19 presents. The SJS staff will continually work in partnership with our families as needs develop and change as the year progresses.

If a full class is required to quarantine:

- Students will log into classes via Google Meet for live streamed learning.
- The schedule will be condensed to 30 minute sessions for each content area.
- Only core classes (these are Religion, Math, Science, Reading/ELA, and History) will be taught.
- A schedule for login times will be sent from the teacher to parents and students for their class.
- "Specials" classes will be modified.

If select students are required to quarantine, but the rest of the class is in school:

- In order to distance learn, parents must provide a doctor's note or communication from the health department to the school.
 - This is only for students quarantining due to COVID 19, this is not for other occasions of illness or missing school.
- Instruction for students varies based on grade level, please see below.
- Students are only expected to complete work for core classes (these are Religion, Math, Science, Reading/ELA, and History). *Specials* teachers will not assign work in the respective classes.
- For Pre-K
 - Regular instruction will not be given by the teacher
 - Teacher may communicate worksheets to complete at home at their discretion.
- For Grades K-2
 - All books and required materials will be available for pick-up at the table in the entrance to the school.
 - The teacher will communicate with parents as needed via email.
 - The teacher will send instructions or packets for work to be completed by students from home and answer any assignment questions via email communication.
 - If a parent or teacher requests a meeting, the meeting will take place via Google Meet or a phone call.
 - All absent work and books must come back with the student upon their first return day to school.
 - Homework will be submitted using Google Classroom or Class Dojo
- For Grades 3-5
 - All books and required materials will be available for pick-up at the table in the entrance to the school.
 - The teacher will communicate regularly with parents via email.
 - Teachers will record their Religion and Math courses daily and post them to Google Classroom.
 - All assignments will be communicated via daily email for each of the core subjects and posted to Google Classroom.

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- Spelling tests are typically given orally, however for students who are at home due to COVID-19, a multiple choice test will be posted to Google Classroom.
- If a parent or teacher requests a meeting, the meeting will take place via Google Meet or a phone call.
- Extensions will be given to students who are unable to complete assignments due to illness
- For Grades 6-8
 - All books and required materials will be available for pick-up at the table in the entrance to the school
 - The teacher will communicate regularly with parents and students via email
 - Daily work will be posted to Google Classroom for each subject, and assignments can be submitted through Google Classroom.
 - While some of the assigned school work will be self-directed and self-paced, teachers may record part of their in class lesson and post it to Google Classroom for students at home to view. Recording lessons will be at the discretion of the individual teacher and based on the content being taught and the method of instruction.
 - A *daily* “check-in” with students who are quarantining at home due to COVID-19 exposure will occur during the afternoon homeroom time at 2:10pm
 - Extensions will be given to students who are unable to complete assignments due to illness

Again, we are confident that our plan will change as the year progresses. We will be in constant communication as changes occur this year. Thank you for your continued support of St. John’s School. God bless.

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