



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Spring Break greetings to all! Dramatic changes in our work, play and worship continue to dominate our spring and summer plans. Governor Holcomb's announcement closing school until May 1st or later does not come as a great surprise. However, those it impacts will continue to scramble to make adjustments to the "new normal." Friday, the Office of Catholic Schools held a Zoom call with principals and presidents to provide guidance for the upcoming Spring season and fourth quarter of the school year.

Our goal is to continue to provide the best quality Catholic education we can from home. Fortunately, today's technology allows us to do this like never before. The first four eLearning days held this past week were probably the hardest, as teachers, parents and students scrambled to make these days successful despite very little notice. I'm really proud of the attitude and efforts of all to make this happen; the teachers are already buzzing with new ideas and methods that will make the coming weeks easier, even more effective, less stressful and spirit-filled! As for our scheduling plans, a lot of people have weighed in on this, including some of our parents and teachers, deanery principals and pastors, and OCS has provided additional guidance.

After Spring Break, our schedule will be as follows:

- All assignments from March 16-19 will be due March 31st as previously announced.
- Monday, March 30-Wednesday, April 1st will be considered "flex" days, with no eLearning and no current plans to make up these three days.
- Pre-school parents: Mrs. Karla Coots will be sending information specific to Pre-school to you tomorrow.
- K- 8 eLearning days will start again on Thursday, April 2 and continue until at least May 1st.
- We will have four edays per week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays.
- Monday and Tuesday assignments will be due on Wednesday evenings, and Thursday- Friday assignments will be due Sunday evenings.
- All planned spring 2020 field trips are likely to be canceled or postponed until next year.
- The primary concentration each day will be on Religion class and core subjects of Math, Science, Social Studies and Language Arts.
- Humanities teachers will prepare their lessons one day per week only (exception - Spanish I.)
 - Monday - all Music classes and Spanish I
 - Tuesday - all PE classes
 - Thursday - all K-7 Spanish classes and Spanish 1
 - Friday - all Art and Mrs. Cooper's Tech classes (no content tech)
 - Humanities assignments will be due one week from the class date

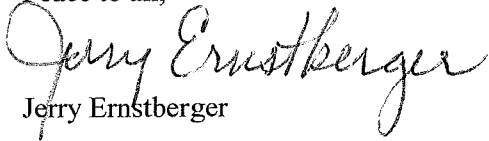
What I have outlined above will enable us to give quality instruction for 171 school days, (95% of the full 180) and still end the school year by our original May 22nd, even if in-school sessions are canceled for the remainder of the semester. I believe this is both worthy and attainable. We will be working to provide additional support for you as needed. Please contact your teacher, Mrs. Huber, Mrs. Wilkinson or me if you need additional support.

Additional recent announcements/developments:

- IREAD and ILEARN have both been canceled
- An additional letter from Mrs. Gina Fleming, Superintendent of Archdiocesan Schools, will be emailed to all of you tomorrow.

I hope the next several days, people remain with family, practice social distancing, and continue to pray for all, especially those who are ill and those who provide medical care as well as needed civil, social and emergency services.

Peace to all,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Ernstberger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name below it.

Jerry Ernstberger