



# *The Halo Report*

**Saint Augustine Catholic School**  
1421 V Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

**Theme 2019-2020:**

[“If We Live In The Spirit, Let Us Also Follow The Spirit.”- Galatians 5:25](#)

**Greetings Parents/Guardians and Teachers!**

Once again, I hope this Halo Report finds everyone well and safe amidst COVID-19. Unfortunately, Our school building will not reopen on April 27th as planned and may in fact remain closed for the rest of the school year.

Distance Learning has given our teachers an opportunity to continue a relationship with their students. Teachers have had an unique opportunity to work with students in small groups and increase their computer and research skills. Students are still motivated to come to class, through Zoom, and learn new concepts. Students in the middle school grades are still working on project and completing reports. We encourage Parents to keep working with their child(ren)'s teachers during this time in order to ensure their continued academic success.

I have attached with this halo the new grading guidelines provided by the Catholic Schools Office. I hope this letter will help clarify Saint Augustine Catholic School's academic plan for the rest of the year.

While I am unsure of when we will be able to return to our traditional teaching schedule, but I do know that we will be continuing with Distance Learning through May into June.

I am extremely proud of the work we have done during the time of crisis.





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**April 23, 2020**

Dear Parents and Guardians

The last few weeks have transformed all of our lives in ways we could never have imagined. We remain committed to providing the best education possible to our students. Although campuses are closed, the Saint Augustine Catholic School campus continues to be open by providing spiritual development and academic instruction. The Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools Office (CSO) has provided guidance to support Distance Learning since March 16, 2020. Guidance has been provided through different Phases. The first Phase was developed for the initial 2 weeks of closure in order to continue learning through instruction and enrichment. On March 30, the CSO launched Phase 2 of Distance Learning that ensured regular instruction and assessment by the classroom teacher. In addition, Phase 2 outlined guidelines and recommendations per grade level as well as on-going professional development opportunities for teachers.

Phase 3 will be implemented beginning April 27, 2020. During this phase, the focus will be on critical standards. Each teacher will identify the most important standards to cover before the school year ends. The list will be shared with me. This approach will provide focused instruction and assessment on those priority standards. Teachers will score assessments in the following ways:

Met - the standard was achieved

Revise - assessment needs to be resubmitted

Incomplete – work was not submitted

Teachers will reach out to students receiving an Incomplete to determine if additional supports are needed to complete the assessment and meet the standard.

Standardized testing scheduled for Spring 2020 has been cancelled. This includes Scantron testing in reading, math, and science as well as the Faith Knowledge Assessment.

Grade reporting for Quarter 4 will be slightly different. For Grades PreK-3, the regular progress reporting tool on the report card will be used. However, teachers will enter an "I" for Incomplete work. This will be used if the student had accessibility issues that didn't allow him/her to complete assessments. For Grades 4-8, students will receive either a "P" for Pass or an "I" for Incomplete. Final grades will be calculated by the teacher based on the first three quarters and the quality of work during Quarter 4.

Finally, our campus closure should not take away the memory our 8th grade students have dreamed of for so many years. We are investigating ways to celebrate graduation and other 8th grade events. While it may look different for our Class of 2020, we still plan to rejoice as a school community and celebrate the accomplishments of our 8th grade students. More details will be provided at a later date.

Thank you all and stay safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gloria".

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