



# Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic School

*Be Loving. Be Faithful. Be St. Catherine's.*

July 29, 2020

Dear Parents,

You may have heard that D#300 is going to start the school year with remote learning. We are going to stay with our plan of starting school with face to face instruction. If you are not comfortable with sending your children to school, please email me and sign them up for remote learning. The teacher will Zoom them into the classroom every day. We are happy to accommodate you and your children in a learning environment in which you are comfortable.

As I mentioned, we will be offering Art and Technology classes at 2:00 on certain days. Grades 1-4 will receive pass/fail grades and grades 5-8 will be graded just like in previous years. If there are any questions about how this will occur, please contact Mrs. Oskerop or Mrs. Amegasse. We will also be having Spanish classes as we have in the past.

Mrs. Garay has resigned her position as our 5th grade teacher. We thank Mrs. Garay for her many years of teaching at SCS. She is a dedicated and talented teacher and will be missed. We will still see Mrs. Garay around as her children will continue to attend St. Catherine's. On behalf of the faculty and staff, we wish Mrs. Garay all of God's blessings as she begins her new teaching assignment.

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Colleen Ryan-Ottens to St. Catherine's. She is happy to be joining our faculty. Her last assignment was teaching STEAM classes in U-46. She is a member of the St. Thomas More community. Please welcome her to our community when you cross paths with her in August. Mrs. Ottens will be reaching out to our 5th grade families in August.

Several parents have asked me what we will do if a child contracts Covid 19. That child will be self-quarantined for 14 days as well as his/her siblings. The administration and the Diocesan Superintendent will decide if the entire class and teacher will be quarantined as well. The safety of the children and staff is our number one priority.

I will continue to update you as more information becomes available. If the governor or Bishop Malloy decide we are going to move to remote learning, we will follow their directive. We will not be having Fee Day on the 12th. We will have it on the first day of school. Mrs. Wirkus will email you the details.

Thank you very much for working with us as we face these challenging times together. I am confident that with faith and perseverance we will have a great school year.

Have a good evening,

Ms. Cannon

**Why did Humpty Dumpty have a great fall?**

To make up for his miserable summer.

**What do you call a nun who sleepwalks?**

A roamin' Catholic.