

**Our Lady of Calvary School**  
**11023 Kipling Lane**  
**Philadelphia, PA. 19154**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

5/19/20

After more than three months of flexible learning, we are reaching out to you, in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, to give you some end of the school year closing information. (Was that a sigh of relief I just heard?)

Please be assured that we are most grateful for the support & partnership that you have provided during this crisis, as we navigated uncharted waters together. It is only with your cooperation that our children have been able to progress and be prepared to enter a new grade in the Fall.

As for final grades this year and the impact of flexible learning on them, we are following the Archdiocesan plan: Students will receive a grade for the third trimester plus a final grade. Appropriate practices for grading in a flexible learning environment have been slightly adjusted, and the final calculation for the school year, as well.

Since flexible learning is more of a challenge for many students for a variety of reasons, we did not want this marking period to have a negative impact on them. Therefore, the teachers will use the grades of the first two trimesters as a foundation for the final grades. Mindful of the not-as-structured-as-a-regular-school-day environment of the students these past months, our teachers are aware of this as they develop grades for the final trimester. They will compare them to the first two trimester grades and make sure that these grades reflect the above mind set. To facilitate this effort, the Archdiocese has “weighted” the shorter time of the final trimester and the work already completed in the first two-thirds of the school year. Therefore, the first and second trimesters will be “weighed” as 36% of the final grade and the third trimester will be 28% of the grade. Option C, Inc. is on board to add calculation to their menu. (FYI: Unsubmitted work will negatively impact the final grades.) Also, there will be no grades for Art, Music, PE, and Spanish.

We plan to end direct instruction on May 29<sup>th</sup>. From June 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>, students have time to complete their classwork and projects. On June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, we are scheduling the return of devices borrowed & cleaned, text books, etc. and the return of personal belongings left by the students. Uniforms may be dropped off (SWAP) and yearbooks distributed if they are delivered by then. We hope to do this outdoors in the parking lot, with tables labeled along the modulars.

**The following safe distancing schedule gives you access to the above on either day:**

**Families: A to C between 9:00 & 10:00 D to K 10:00 & 11:00 L to M 11:00 to 12:00**

**N to S between 1:00 & 2:00 T to Z 2:00 to 3:00**

**Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. there will be a live streamed Mass for the closing of the school year with Promotion announcements at the end of Mass for Grades 1 to 7.**

**A separate communication will be sent regarding 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pictures & Graduation.**

Again, thank you for your support during this crisis. Through your dedicated commitment, and that of Father Babowitch, Mrs. Costello, and our teachers, the challenge of

navigating the uncharted waters of flexible learning was met head-on and kept our precious cargo afloat and prepared for the coming school year!

With warm regards & prayerful gratitude,

Sister Mildred