



Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

A Catholic community building 21st century leaders in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions

Dear Viking Families,

As the 2020-21 school year draws closer, please know that we are continuing to work each and every day to ensure not only your child's safety but also provide the best quality Catholic education for all our students.

Thank you for completing last week's survey concerning hybrid or at-home instruction. You will receive a Swift K12 alert phone call and email soon to confirm your response. Since we have received a few questions regarding these options, I wanted to take this opportunity to respond and clear things up:

1. If you chose the hybrid model (two days in-school instruction), you may **AT ANY TIME** change your mind and switch to the 5-day at-home model. Simply inform VASJ of your desire to switch models.
2. Please note, however, that once you choose the at-home model, your child **MUST** stay in that model for the remainder of the quarter. You will not be able to switch back to the hybrid model until the start of the second quarter.
3. If you choose the 5-day at home model at any time, your child **IS STILL ELIGIBLE** to play sports and/or participate in any other VASJ sponsored activity/club.
4. Regardless of which model you chose, please know that your child, on the days that he/she is learning remotely, **MUST SIGN IN TO THEIR CLASS AT THE TIME THAT CLASS IS SCHEDULED**. For example, if your child's schedule says Algebra I at 9 a.m., then at 9 a.m., he or she must be signed in to participate in the class. Attendance will be taken.
5. ***Please note: It is against US labor laws for students to work during school hours. If students are found to be working during school hours on a scheduled school day, their place of employment will be reported to the Department of Labor.***
6. While there will be no specific dress code for the days your child is learning online at home, he or she must be dressed appropriately.

Please see the information below regarding student orientation dates, times, and instructions. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Christ's Peace,

Mr. Csank

STUDENT ORIENTATION (Week of August 24 – 28):

1. Students are to report to the gymnasium on their designated days and times. They are to enter through the rear canopy doors only.
 - **Monday:** Seniors, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - **Tuesday:** Juniors, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - **Wednesday:** Sophomores, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - **Thursday:** Freshmen, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - **Friday:** *Distance Learning Only Students*, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. (This is only for students who indicated they will be learning all five days remotely.)
2. Students should bring all materials they will want to leave at school and a bookbag to bring all materials such as textbooks home. *(Teachers will inform their students of supplies needed on the first day of classes. Students should come to school on August 31 with basic note-taking supplies: pencils, pens, college-ruled paper, and/or notebooks.)*
3. There are **voluntary** parent meetings for parents of the designated group for that day from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
4. All VASJ students are expected to wear face coverings at all times. To counter the heat, each school day from August 31 through October 2 (including orientation days) will be Viking Dress Down Days. The top, outermost layer must be a Viking top (or predominantly Viking colors). Students are permitted to wear shorts and tennis shoes. No flip-flops or sandals. All shoes must have a back. Please see the student handbook for all dress down day requirements. Students will also be required to follow social distancing guidelines.
5. Students are NOT to report to orientation if they are showing any COVID-19 symptoms. Please call the attendance line to report the absence.