



Corpus Christi—Holy Rosary School

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Dear Parents,

We pray that this email finds you and your families well. We cannot begin to thank you for your support during this challenging time. Please know the teachers, staff and administration all miss the children so much and also you, the parents! As we enter into another week of distance learning, we wanted to inform you of a few things.

Teachers have been working hard preparing lessons for the students. The lessons will be assigned and delivered in different formats depending on the grades your children are in.

PK-3: Mrs. Moore will be emailing the lessons to the parents.

PK-4: Mrs. Gioffre will be emailing the lessons to the parents.

Kindergarten: Mrs. Repaci will be emailing the lessons and posting to Class Dojo.

Grade 1: Ms. Diaz will be posting to Class Dojo and Google Classroom

Grade 2: Sr. April will post to Class Dojo.

Grades 3 - 8: The teachers will be posting to Google Classroom.

We understand that some lessons may include books that your child/children do not have home with them. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we will have available times to drop off completed work and pick-up needed books. Please understand that we must maintain "Social Distancing" at all times to keep all safe. Please understand that we will not allow many families in the building at one time.

Tuesday, March 24th

9:00 - 10:00: Grades 1 & 2

10:00 - 11:00: Grades 3 & 4

2:00 - 3:00 Grades 5 & 6

3:00 - 4:00 Grades 7 & 8

Wednesday, March 25th

9:00 - 11:00 For those who could not make the Tuesday times

We ask that you please make sure your children are aware of their assignments and are working each day. We understand that this is a stressful time for you and for your children. We know the children miss their friends, miss their classrooms, miss their teachers, they miss the normal! Please know that teachers have designed lessons to be meaningful and purposeful but understand that this is a new way of learning.

Our teachers will be working remotely on Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 2:30 pm. However, students and teachers are NOT EXPECTED to be online entirely during that time. This time may include instructional time, completion of independent student assignments, submitting assignments and viewing of instructional materials to help reinforce new materials being covered. Teachers have been incorporating many online resources to help make the learning interesting and student orientated.

During a normal school day, the students are able to move around, interact with their classmates and teachers, attend special classes, enjoy snack and bathroom breaks, and lunch and recess. Your children are not used to sitting at a desk or kitchen table solely doing school work. They are used to the directives and guidance of their teachers. They are used to concrete direction and constant monitoring. They now need you to help them keep to a schedule to complete their work. Please include breaks and time to exercise. We do not want you or your child/children to stress about the work or the workload assigned. However, teachers, in their professional opinion, put time restraints on assignments as they know how long it should take their students to complete the work. Please help us to make sure NO work will be submitted late- it is there for them to complete with ample time. We also understand that in many households, multiple students are sharing a single device and will be completing their assignments at different times of the day.

One of the most important things is for you is to create a schedule with your child's/children's input on how the work will be completed. Your children are constantly reminded at school how much you value their academic and faith instruction and how much you love them and are willing to sacrifice to give them the best education possible. You can remind them of this as you are preparing your schedules.

Teachers will be checking their emails on a daily basis and return parent emails in a timely manner between the hours of 8:30 am - 3:00 pm.

We remind you to please check our website at cchrs.org for the latest communications from the Archdiocese concerning our schools. They contain many resources for our families including how you can talk with your children about the virus, information on free resources and information on GrabNGo pick-up sites for Breakfast/Lunch take-out meals.

As we begin our second week of distance learning, we want you to know you are all truly missed. Sr. Lise and I can speak on behalf of the teachers and staff that we miss the smiling faces, the eagerness to learn, the parent interaction at arrival and dismissal and in general, our CCHRS Family. We all pray that you stay safe and we will be back to normal sooner than we think and back to the routine that what we are used to.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us directly principal@cchrs.org.

Know we are praying for you, miss you and love you!

God Bless!

Deirdre McDermott and Sr. Lise, fma