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FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

Dear St. Anthony Families,

With the current pandemic and the fluidity of the situation it presents, our school must make every effort to meet the educational needs of our students and their families effectively and safely. St Anthony de Padua Catholic School has decided that each classroom teacher and specials may record or live stream the direct instruction periods during each school day until the threat of COVID-19 passes. (Direct instruction does not mean 5-6 continuous hours of live instruction, but rather accessing the short blocks of time teachers are introducing/reviewing a skill with their classroom, typically 10-25 minutes for each lesson, times and presentation will vary by grade level.)

Providing this service will allow students to receive instruction at home should they be quarantined due to possible exposure or contracting COVID-19 or isolated due to testing positive. Parents will have the comfort of knowing their child(ren) will not miss out on classroom instruction. The best instruction for our students is in person learning; however, we understand we have students with medical issues and/or families electing a virtual option. Please know, the decision to live stream or record live lessons is at the discretion of the principal and the teacher.

The school will focus the camera on the teacher only and the materials he or she shares. The focus will intentionally NOT be on the students in the classroom, but the school cannot guarantee that a child will never be seen on the livestream. ***The school will use the same guidelines that our [media release policies list](#), do our best to safeguard the links provided to our homebound students, and never share a student's personal information online.*** Furthermore, we ask that parents not copy, share or download the video recordings provided by teachers. This, too, will help us to ensure the privacy of our students.

Careful consideration has been given to how teachers can best meet the needs of our students, maintain their privacy, allow all students that are homebound for health reasons to remain connected to their classmates, receive continuing faith formation, and be academically challenged. To do this, providing parents/guardians and students access to the direct instruction and resources during absences is a necessary step. Please note, our teachers are working really hard to meet the needs of all students. We appreciate your patience and understanding as this is a challenging new reality for us.

Each grade level has determined what digital platform they will be using, if they are recording videos or live streaming, and how they will be sending it to the parents/students.

Grades 3-5 will be using Google Classroom to post recorded videos, homework, and assignments. Grades K-3 will be sharing information using class Dojo. Each grade level will be sending you information about their instructional videos, recorded teaching sessions, and any live streaming. Zoom is our preferred method for video conferencing.



As far as homework assignments, tests, quizzes, all remote learning students have the same expectations as the in person students. Students can upload assignments via Class Dojo and Google Classroom. For example, if the in person student has an assignment due on Monday, so does the remote learning student.

We understand the remote learning student will be working from home on videos, homework, etc.. Similar to last spring's remote learning, students are expected to:

1. Follow the teacher's instructions on the learning board, Class Dojo, or Google Classroom.
2. When watching live stream videos, students will be at a table, not in pajamas, and not eating food. They will be respectful of the teacher, listen to instruction, and if they have questions, they can raise their hand on the computer or type a question, email the teacher.
3. If possible, teachers will answer emails throughout the instructional day. Teachers will have 24 hours as well to answer emails from the students or parents.
4. All assignments are due when the teacher assigns a due date for both the in person and remote learners (same date). DL students will follow the teacher's policies and procedures on turning in homework, taking quizzes, tests, and late homework.

We appreciate everyone's prayers and support as we move forward to begin the school year.

Blessings,

Mrs. Karen Bogol

Principal