

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents or Guardians:

As we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times, I hope that you and your family are doing well. During the past several days, the Administration has been working with our faculty and technology department to present a model for remote learning. It has been decided that we will be introducing online learning beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, by Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, it will be fully operational.

Our goal is to allow students direct access to their teachers to ensure their understanding and mastery of the necessary curriculum. We are hopeful that this plan will allow our students to be successful during these trying times. Please know that we need your encouragement in implementing this program. Our goal is for students to be prepared for a new world where technological opportunities will be a must.

Using a new distant learning model, student attendance is more important than ever before. You, as parents/guardians, play an extremely important role in ensuring that your child is present "in school" every day.

Beginning Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, if you have a circumstance where your child is not able to participate in online learning for that day, we are asking parents/guardians to notify the school by 10:00 a.m. to report your child's absence each day either via email at [attendance@sjbdhs.org](mailto:attendance@sjbdhs.org) or by calling 1-631-587-8000 x175 to leave a message with Mrs. DeFeo.

Classes will meet in 30 minute blocks. Each student will meet with their teacher on the following:

- The Specific time of each class will be communicated by your child's teacher.
- Mondays and Wednesdays - Math, Science, Religion, and Physical Education
- Tuesdays and Thursday - English, Social Studies, World Language, Art, & Computer
- Fridays - Performing Arts, Guidance classes (this is also a time where students can speak with Guidance counselors if they are in need of support)
- Fridays – will also be a planning day for teachers each week
- Only students are eligible to participate in online classes

To help ease some of the workload that our students have been experiencing, we have implemented a schedule in which assignments will be due.

- Any work assigned on Mondays will be due on the Wednesday of the same week.
- Work assigned on Tuesdays will be due on the Thursday of the same week.
- Work assigned on Wednesdays will be due on the Friday of the same week.
- Any work assigned on Thursdays will be due on **THE MONDAY OF THE FOLLOWING WEEK! ALL WORK IS DUE BY 11:59 PM ON ITS ASSIGNED DAY.**
- Teachers will have the opportunity to establish specific due dates as appropriate to their respective classes.

We remind all students that the standard of conduct as outlined in the St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School Student Handbook, especially those pertaining to the acceptable use policy for computers and the internet (pp.53-55), remain in effect during this period of distance learning.

Unfortunately, we do not know what the future holds, but please know that we, at St. John's, will continue to live out our mission:

*In the spirit of St. John the Baptist, and guided by Catholic tradition, we educate young people of diverse abilities and backgrounds in an environment of mutual respect and compassion.*

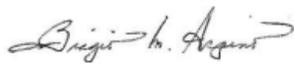
*We prepare them for higher education, instill in them the skills and desire necessary to continuously learn and adapt in our rapidly changing world, to serve their communities with conviction and grace, and embrace lives rich in faith and gentleness.*

Thank you very much for your continued support of St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School. We will continue to use parent portals and the St. John the Baptist website to provide updates and information.

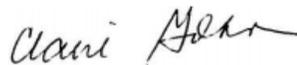
As a respite and for some much needed spiritual interaction, Mass will be livestreamed on our SJB website - [www.saintjohnthebaptistdhs.net](http://www.saintjohnthebaptistdhs.net) - click on the Campus Ministry icon, then click on the left for the link to online Mass. Mass celebrated every day at 10:00 AM. Mass will continue to be livestreamed on Instagram, as well.

May God Bless you and keep you safe!

Sincerely,



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