



August 11, 2020

Dear Parents,

On August 4, the Consortium of Catholic Academies announced that all students would begin the year with virtual instruction. We know that virtual instruction will provide the safest environment for our students, faculty, and staff. We also know that virtual instruction places an added burden on families, especially those who are working from home. Our hope is to continue to do what we do best - which is to partner with our families to design an instructional program that works for you and your child.

Included with this letter are a few resources to guide us as we begin this new school year! We have prepared a virtual meet and greet schedule so that each family can get to know their child's new teacher. We have also included a few guidelines for students and families to keep in mind as we begin distance learning, including an update to our virtual attendance and grading policies. We have also provided updated schedules so families can begin to know what to expect! Lastly, I want to highlight that we are planning a materials exchange for Monday, August 24th so families can come and pick up their new books.

Our first day of virtual learning is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25th. During our first week of school, we will provide lots of opportunities for our students to engage with one another socially and begin to connect (and reconnect) with our amazing learning community.

While we do not know exactly where this school year will take us, we are certain that it's going to be an unpredictable one - filled with lots of challenges, as well as many new opportunities! As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions!

Sincerely,
Ms. Heil



Save the Dates

August 19-21

Virtual Meet and Greet

Meet your teacher and your new classmates!

Mon, August 24

Materials Pick-Up

Come to school between 12pm and 5pm and pick up your new books and get ready for the new year!

Tues, August 25

First Day of Distance Learning

Login to your first Zoom Lessons and begin to get to know your teacher and classmates!

Fri, August 28

Parent Chat

Check in with your child's teacher and celebrate the end of our first week of distance learning!



Virtual Meet and Greet
Come and meet your teachers!

Zoom Meeting ID: 243 236 3382
 Password: SHSRocks

Wednesday, August 19	9:00am	PK3	Sra. Paty y Ms. Gonzalez
	10:00am	PK4	Sra. Rodriguez y Ms. Yesenia
	11:00am	Kindergarten	Sra. Ramirez y Ms. Roxy
Thursday, August 20	9:00am	1st Grade	Mr. Martin and Ms. Fuentes
	10:00am	2nd Grade	Ms. Fuentes and Mr. Martin
	11:00am	3rd grade	Sra. Vargas and Ms. Nus
	12:00pm	4th Grade	Ms. Nus and Sra. Vargas
	9:00am	5th grade	Sra. Gomez
Friday, August 21	10:00am	6th grade	Ms. Fisher
	11:00am	7th grade	Mr. Parada and Mr. Landrigan
	12:00pm	8th grade	Ms. Kullberg and Ms. Slinkert



Our SHS Family

*Meet our new 3rd and 4th grade
English teacher*

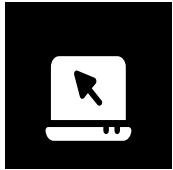


Haley Nus is thrilled to join Sacred Heart teaching staff after nearly a year discerning teaching in a religious school context. She has taught in both public and charter schools for the past four years, and she is passionate about engagement-based teaching methods. She has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Kansas, a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Trinity Washington University in D.C., and is currently getting her Doctorate of Educational Leadership in Educational Ministry degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. Haley is very passionate about prayer and helping students develop life-giving intimacy and purpose with God.

To learn more about our faculty and staff, please visit our website at www.sacredheartschooldc.org



Distance Learning Guidelines *for all students*



LIVE INSTRUCTION **via ZOOM**

Families will be provided a schedule with consistent opportunities for live instruction



SYNCHRONOUS AND **ASYNCHRONOUS**

Teachers will utilize a variety of resources designed to support diverse student needs



CONSISTENT **COMMUNICATION** **AND FEEDBACK**

Teachers will be in close contact with families and will provide consistent feedback regarding their child's progress



ATTENDANCE

Attendance will be taken for all Zoom calls as well as completion of work.

Administration and counselors notified of concerns



ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed on new content. Both formative and summative assessments will be taken



GRADING

Students will receive grades in accordance with the ADW Grading Scale



Our Catholic Faith



DAILY PRAYER

We will provide opportunities for daily prayer and faith formation.



WEEKLY LIVE STREAMED MASSES

Mass will be live streamed each week through the parish Facebook page.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

We will find ways creative ways to continue to serve those in need.



COMMUNITY PRAYER

We will continue to offer whole school opportunities to come together and pray.



Distance Learning Schedules PK3 and PK4

	Mon <i>Spanish</i>	Tues <i>Spanish</i>	Wed <i>Spanish</i>	Thurs <i>Spanish</i>	Fri <i>Spanish</i>
9-10	Read, Play, Make	Read, Play, Make	Read, Play, Make	Read, Play, Make	Read, Play, Make
10 - 10:30	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
11 - 12:00	Home Learning	Home Learning	Home Learning	Home Learning	Home Learning
1:00-2:00	Optional Small Groups	Optional Small Groups	Optional Small Groups	Optional Small Groups	Parent Chat



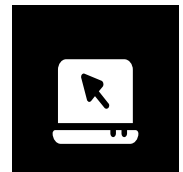
LANGUAGE

Teachers will speak in Spanish, with support for English speakers as needed



PROGRESS

Teachers will connect frequently with parents to assess student progress



DIGITAL TOOLS

Learning will be documented by creating a digital portfolio in Seesaw.



Distance Learning Schedules K-5

	Mon <i>Spanish</i>	Tues <i>English</i>	Wed <i>Spanish</i>	Thurs <i>English</i>	Fri <i>Spanish</i>
9-10	Indep. Reading	Indep. Reading	Indep. Reading	Indep. Reading	Indep. Reading
10 - 11	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
11 - 12:00	Indepen. Work	Indepen. Work	Indepen. Work	Indepen. Work	Indepen. Work
1:00-2:00	Afternoon Meeting	Afternoon Meeting	Afternoon Meeting	Afternoon Meeting	Parent Chat
2:00-3:00	Indepen. Work	Indepen. Work	Indepen. Work	Indepen. Work	Indepen. Work



LANGUAGE

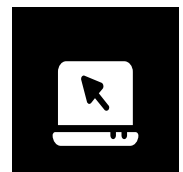
Kindergarten will receive Zoom instruction in Spanish. 1st - 5th grade students will receive Zoom Instruction in English at least 2 days per week and Spanish at least 2 days per week.



ATTENDANCE and GRADES

Attendance will be taken for all Zoom calls.

Student learning will be assessed based on the of the documentation uploaded into their digital portfolio.



DIGITAL PORTFOLIO

Learning will be documented by creating a digital portfolio in Seesaw. 5th grade will use Google Classroom to document their learning.



Distance Learning Schedules 6-8

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
8-10	Indepen. Work	Indepen. Work	Indepen. Work	Indepen. Work	Indepen. Work
10 - 11	A	D	A	D	Specials
11 -12	B	E	B	E	Homeroom
1-2	C	F	C	F	Parent Chat
2:00-2:30	Office Hours	Office Hours	Office Hours	Office Hours	Office Hours



LANGUAGE

English Language Arts.,
Math, Science, and Religion
are taught in English

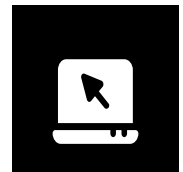
Spanish Language Arts and
Global Studies will be taught
in Spanish



ATTENDANCE and GRADES

Attendance will be taken
for all Zoom calls.

All assignments will be
graded and grades will be
posted in Plus Portals.



GOOGLE CLASSROOM

All student assignments will
appear in Google
Classroom. All student work
will be turned in digitally to
their Google Classroom.