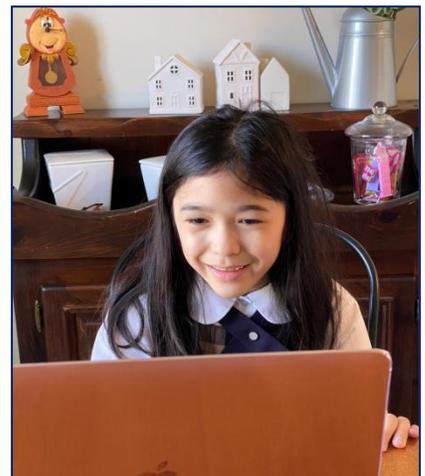


Saint Augustine of Canterbury School



Remote Learning Plan 2020-2021



OVERVIEW

What is Remote Learning?

Remote learning, also referred to as digital learning or e-learning, is using technology for teaching and learning outside of the traditional classroom setting. It enables learning to take place anytime and anywhere, and does not require the instructor and the student(s) to be together. Remote learning can be self-directed or guided by a facilitator and can take many different forms. These experiences may include:

- Video lessons and podcasts, self-generated by the teacher or generally available through resources such as Khan Academy, SafeTube, and Nearpod.
- Assignments utilizing online textbook access or open education resources, like Discovery Education, Go Math, Wonders, and Sadlier Vocabulary.
- Discussion boards and other interactive forums.
- Other activities available through third-party web applications such as Quizlet and Edpuzzle.
- Remote conferencing via video/audio through services such as Google Meet or Zoom.

When will students participate in Remote Learning Days?

Students will participate in Remote Learning Days when it is deemed necessary by school administration. For the most part, this will be during extended school closures due to such matters as inclement weather and emergency situations.

How will students and parents be notified if a Remote Learning Day will be used in the event of an emergency school closing?

Saint Augustine of Canterbury School will notify parents of the Remote Plan using Honeywell and Constant Contact and notification will be posted to the school website and social media channels.

How will attendance be taken on Remote Learning Days?

Attendance will be determined by use of PowerSchool.

In the event of an absence, a student is still responsible for completing the day's assignments.

What are the expected methods of communication between teachers and students on Remote Learning Days?

Teachers and students are to follow the school's policy regarding communication which is as follows: *The school-sanctioned email address is the only authorized means of private communication between a parent and a teacher.* Teachers and students may communicate in

public forums such as discussion boards/blogs and G Suite for Education, Seesaw, and ClassDojo.

What are the recommended methods of communication between/among students if a collaborative assignment is given?

If a collaborative activity is assigned, students are encouraged to communicate with one another via G Suite for Education.

What is the value of Remote Learning Days?

An experience of learning that is more self-directed with flexibility regarding the time and pace of study and assignment completion, will give our students another opportunity to hone their organization and time management skills.

Additionally, tools such as discussion boards for interaction and communication within a group, with individuals at various locations, are being used more frequently in education at all levels. Remote Learning Days that incorporate this method of communication will also provide students the opportunity to fine tune their expertise to provide meaningful contributions in this type of forum.

THE REMOTE LEARNING EXPERIENCE ---

What will a Remote Learning Day look like for students?

Combination of Remote and assignments

PreK and K Three thirty minute sessions per day three times a week

Grade 1-Grade 5 Three thirty minute sessions per day three times a week

Grade 6-Grade 8 Three forty minute sessions twice a week and World Language once a week.

Each teacher will post information about their remote lessons on SeeSaw (PreK-Gr 2) and Google Classroom (6-8). Teachers have been asked to provide students with comprehensive instructions for each remote lesson on a single page of either SeeSaw or Google Classroom.

Lessons will be approximately 30-40 minutes in length for each class each day, including time to complete any work that the students are assigned. In instances of extended school closings, teachers may opt to post a one-hour lesson to be completed over the course of two days. Each lesson will be accompanied with some form of formative assessment, which the teacher may count as a grade. Upon returning to school, teachers may also assess students on material learned during the Remote Learning Days.

Students are expected to log in every Remote Learning Day and for each class.

What will assessments/assignments be like on Remote Learning Days?

Assessments/assignments may take many forms such as electronic tests, quizzes, surveys and polls, essays, Flipgrid, Edpuzzle, *meaningful contributions* to discussion boards, and to name a few. Each teacher will provide information regarding the grading for each assessment. For example, will the assignment count as classwork, a quiz, or a test. When appropriate, teachers will provide a rubric to accompany a specific assignment.

Teachers will also provide a due date for each assignment. Many assignments will be due on the same day it is assigned. Some assignments will have a special identified due date. *It is the responsibility of each student to meet coursework deadlines as established by the teacher.*

When will Remote Learning Day assignments be communicated?

In circumstances in which a Remote Learning Day is deemed necessary ahead of time, teachers are asked to have their lessons posted by midnight the day before.

How often does a student need to log in on Remote Learning Days?

Students are expected to log in **every** Remote Learning Day. This action is necessary for students to connect with his/her teacher each day. Teachers will be communicating with students in many ways, not just sharing assignments. Students are responsible for receiving that communication from their teacher.

What if a student has questions or needs assistance during a Remote Learning Day?

If a student has a question regarding a remotw lesson or assignment, the student/parent should contact the teacher via SeeSaw, ClassDojo, or Google Classroom. Teachers will be asked to check their email on a regular basis throughout the day in case student issues arise.

Will accommodations be made for students with learning needs and/or an ISP?

In order for teachers to continue their work in helping a student meet their academic goals for the year, teachers will make appropriate modifications to remote lessons for specific students as needed. The in-class support teacher and Comp-Ed teacher will participate in the class as needed and provide additional instruction when necessary.

TECH SUPPORT

What if a student has a problem with their Chromebook, or technology in general during Remote Learning Days?

If a student is having a problem, contact our Technology Coordinator at debari@staugustinenj.org.

If a student is unable to access the Internet due to lack of connectivity, electrical failure or other extenuating circumstances, contact the Technology Coordinator at tdebari@staugustinenj.org.

What if a student is having difficulty accessing their online textbook(s)?

If a student is having difficulty accessing their online textbook(s), contact the teacher first to verify that he/she is using the proper information regarding website address, username, and password.

WORTHY OF NOTE

Will the Guidance Counselor be available on Remote Learning Days?

On Remote Learning Days, the Counselor will be available. However, the circumstance of the Remote Learning Day may limit the services available. To the best of our ability, our counselor will continue to provide mental health support.

Should a telephone call or a conference be a valuable resource to help a student in need of assistance, a parent must approve the form of communication and be present during the communication between the student and counselor.

Do Remote Learning Days count as school days?

Yes. So long as Remote Learning Days are conducted in accordance with Diocesan standards, Remote Learning Days count toward the total number of school days and do not need to be “made up” throughout the year or at the end of the school year.

How does the Student/Parent Handbook apply to Remote Learning Days?

The Student/Parent Handbook applies to all school days, including Remote Learning Days. Please be reminded that all other policies apply including: Student/Parent Handbook and Ethical Use of Technology Policies.