



Bishop Louis Reicher Catholic School Distance Learning Plan

As we begin the distance learning plan for Bishop Louis Reicher Catholic School, we encourage all in our faith and school community to pray together. Let us take to heart the words of Robert Fulghum particularly with the students “stuck” at home, to “Live a balanced life – learn some and think some and draw some and paint some and sing some and dance and play and work every day some.” Especially now as we all grapple with the strain of a new normal. This is a new normal for our teachers and school, it is certainly a new normal for our parents and homes. We should all be kind and understanding of each other. We love and miss our students, and hope that we can help our parents and guardians keep them engaged at home during this time. Each week, as needed, teachers will prepare meaningful, but reasonable lessons with the goal of supporting our mission to enhance student learning.

Bishop Reicher will begin distance learning on Monday, March 23. Lessons will be available to pick up on Thursday, March 19, from the elementary campus and the high school campus according to the schedules shown below. Access will be limited to meet the guidelines being set by CDC and the City of Waco. Only one parent and one student maximum per family will be allowed in the school to pick up material during the designated times, and times will be limited to a maximum of 10 minutes inside the campus. Teachers will not be available on campus but will be communicating with parents beginning on Thursday about assignments.

Please follow all CDC guidelines in making sure hands are washed before coming to campus and please do not come to campus if you are feeling sick. If you are self-isolating, or are in quarantine due to recent travel situations, or you need an alternate way or time to pick up materials for another reason, please email Gayle Zucha, gzucha@stlouiswaco.org.

PreK through eighth grade students and/or parents can come to the elementary campus to pick up educational materials on Thursday, March 19. Please park in the front and enter through the visitor doors on 23rd street and use the following schedule:

PreK through 2nd grade: 1:00 – 1:20

3rd grade – 5th grade: 1:40 – 2:00

6th grade – 8th grade: 2:30 – 2:50

Packet materials will be available in the cafeteria. If parents or students need books or materials for fifth through eighth grade students, these will be available to pick up from student lockers, and locker numbers will be noted on top of student packets. Parents should take all student textbooks and notebooks home at this time. Plan to bring a backpack or bag for this purpose. Seventh and eighth grade students will be able to check out their school Chromebook, if they choose, along with the Chromebook protective sleeve and power cord.

High school students and/or parents may come to the high school campus to pick up any necessary books and materials from student lockers on Thursday, March 19. Please park on the high school parking lot and enter through the main student doors according to the schedule below.

9th grade – 10th grade: 1:30 – 1:50

11th grade – 12th grade: 2:30 – 2:50

Packets and materials may also be picked up at both campuses on Saturday, March 21 between 9:00 and 10:30 according to the following schedule.

Elementary campus, enter through the visitor doors on 23rd street

PreK – 4th grade: 9:00 – 9:30

5th grade – 8th grade: 10:00 – 10:30

High school campus, enter through main student doors on high school parking lot

9th grade – 10th grade: 9:00 – 9:30

11th grade – 12th grade: 10:00 – 10:30

Assignments for seventh through twelfth grades will be delivered online in Google Classroom. High school students are already using this platform. All seventh and eighth grade students have been using Google accounts at school, and will need to join their course Classrooms when invited by the teachers. Students in seventh and eighth grades are also using some online textbooks. We understand that students may not remember userids and passwords, so all necessary login information will be sent home with students in their packets.

PreK through 6th grade students will still receive instructions and assignments in the FACTS/SIS (formerly RenWeb) system.

Distance learning guidelines for Bishop Reicher recommend that students spend about four hours each day on their studies and teachers have prepared lessons with this in mind. Parents will receive an initial communication from teachers on or before Friday, March 20 about the first week's learning plan, and then should expect to hear from their child(ren)'s teacher(s) at least twice each week while distance learning occurs. Distance learning plans include all the core classes, as well as enrichment/electives and suggestions for physical activity.

Initially, the seventh through twelfth grade teachers will hold virtual classroom hours in their Google Classrooms to allow students to chat with them during their regularly scheduled class times. PreK through sixth grade teachers are working on modes of communication that will allow real-time interaction with their students and will keep parents posted.

We know that parents are also new to this situation, and offer the following daily schedule as a template from which to build your own personal daily schedule. Together, and always with God as our guide, we can do this!

Before 9:00 AM	Wake up!	Make your bed, eat breakfast, brush teeth, get dressed
9:00-10:00	Outdoor Time	Family walk or outdoor play (combine with Science or Social Studies!)
10:00-11:30	Academic Time	No Electronics! Reading, homework, study, puzzles, journal
11:30-12:00	Prayer	Pray the Rosary, read the Bible, read Bible stories together
12:00-12:30	LUNCH	
12:30-1:00	Quiet Time	Reading, nap, puzzles, yoga
1:00 – 1:30	Home Chores	Clean rooms, put away toys, take out garbage, pet care
1:30-2:30	Creative Time	Creative play/academic play, drawing, Legos, crafts, music, cooking, baking
2:30-4:00	Academic Time	Electronics OK! Educational games, online activities, virtual museum tours
4:00-5:00	Outdoor time	Family walk or outdoor play
5:00-6:00	Dinner time	Family dinner, help with clean-up and dishes
6:00-7:00	Bath time	Bath or shower
7:00-8:00	Reading/TV time	Relaxing before bedtime (Can still include academic time)
9:00 PM	Bedtime	Put on PJs, brush teeth, clothes in laundry