

News from the Bears' Den



December 16, 2020

From the Principal . . .

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and break. Personally, I'm planning on a quiet one, curled up with some good books and Netflix. :) Here's to a new year, one I hope is filled with good memories, healthy families, and no masks!! Lol! Welcome 2021!

Just a reminder that we will be moving to remote learning Jan. 4 until Jan. 15. Students will return to in-person learning on Tuesday, Jan. 19 (Monday, Jan. 18 is the MLK holiday).

Many Christmas Blessings to you all, Camille DeLano

Upcoming Events . . .

- Thursday, Dec. 17 - Ugly Sweater & Christmas Party
- Friday, Dec. 18 - Christmas Color Day
- Monday, Jan. 4th - First Day of Virtual Learning
- Sunday, Jan 10th - January Tuition Statement Due
- Tuesday, Jan 19th - Back to in person learning



Free Covid Testing

There is free Covid testing being offered tomorrow in South Haven. Please see the attached flier.

Travel Reminder

For those of you planning to do some travel/visiting with others over the Christmas holiday season, regardless of location, we ask that you please monitor your activities and any exposure risk. A travel letter was sent before Thanksgiving and can also be found on our website: saintbasilcatholic.com). Thank you!

Sick Children

We cannot emphasize this enough-PLEASE continue to keep sick children at home; this includes runny nose/cough/sore throat (depending on the severity, we may ask that siblings remain home as well). Should a student have the stomach flu, fever, diarrhea, strep throat, etc., we ask that you also keep all siblings home. We are trying our best to maintain in-person learning and can only do this with your help. Thank you!

Christmas Celebration

We still plan to hold a Christmas celebration day (instead of a party) on Thursday, Dec. 17. This day will be like the Halloween celebration day, with no definite party time but lots of fun Christmas activities taking place in the classrooms. Teachers may reach out for prepackaged goodie donations, craft items, etc.

Snow Days

Due to SHPS having to shift, at times, to remote learning, this impacts their ability to assist us with calling snow days-essentially, they will only call me to cancel school due to weather if they are in-person that day. Therefore, I have reached out to a handful of parents who live in various locations around the area to help me in determining if we need to call school due to weather. Once I get a weather report from them, I will then send out a parent alert and email to all families letting everyone know that we have a snow day. **This will ONLY happen if we are in-person, NOT remote.** I will do my best to get the alert and email out to you as early as possible. I will also post it on the local weather stations (channel 8 and channel 3). We ask for your patience as we try out this new procedure.

Students will still have the 6 designated snow days per the state (when in-person). After the 6 days are used, we will do remote learning per our remote learning plan. In this way, we will not have to make up days at the end of the year.



Remote Learning Jan. 4-Jan. 15

Just a reminder that we plan to engage in remote learning the 2 weeks following Christmas break, starting Jan. 4. Information was sent home via email on Monday. Students will return to in-person learning on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021. It is VERY important that students engage in remote learning these 2 weeks-this is not an extension of Christmas break and academic material will be covered. We will be utilizing the remote learning plan sent home in November (this can be found on our school website: saintbasilcatholic.com) If you have questions concerning the technology, assignments, etc., please contact teachers now so that we can easily assist with any issues. **PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO snow days called during remote learning, regardless of what South Haven Public does. Our snow days will be reserved for when we are doing in-person learning.**

A few notes from the office

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