



St. Gregory the Great Academy

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Continuity of Education Plan Summary

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In a “best” case scenario, we will have a least a day’s warning prior to a closing. This would allow students to bring home materials, books, etc. that will help supplement what the teachers plan for the students. Should a development occur over a weekend, we will open the school on a Saturday or Sunday to allow for materials to be collected from school unless directed not to do so by authorities. **The COVID-19 Continuity of Education Plan will not be implemented unless a school closure is expected to last more than five days – implementation would begin on Day 2.** We have three unused snow days; thus, we have some flexibility in this area at this time.

Religion – All Grades: Formal Religion instruction will not be assigned by individual teachers. All families will be asked to access the daily readings from the [USCCB website](#) and to read the readings as a family. A family discussion should follow the readings, during which the message that is being taught in the readings is explored. It will also be appropriate to devote time to praying the Rosary and/or Stations of the Cross.

Preschool grades: Formal materials will not be provided. Depending on the length of the physical closure, make-up days or tuition credit will be offered.

Kindergarten – Grade 2: Instructional goals will focus on English/Language Arts (ELA) and Math only. The goal will be approximately 30-45 minutes of activity for ELA and 30-45 minutes of Math per day. Keeping the attention span of students at this age in mind, it may be necessary to “chunk” activities into manageable blocks of time and provide frequent breaks. Traditionally, we have not established accounts on our Google domain for students until they enter Grade 3; however, all students in Grades K-2 have been issued login credentials. Homeroom teachers in Grades K-2 will establish a Google Classroom for their class, and each family will be able to sign in to join the Google Classroom. This will allow the teachers to post various materials for download at home. All teachers will also create a “skills maintenance” packet with materials which have already been covered for home use in the event of an unforeseen situation (technical issue with new account, extra time, a teacher becoming ill, etc.)

Grades 3 – 4: Instructional goals will focus on English/Language Arts (ELA) and Math, with weekly Science and Social Studies enrichment activities. The goal will be approximately 45-60 minutes of activity for ELA supplemented with at least 30 minutes of additional student reading and 30-40 minutes of Math per day.



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Additionally, there will be a weekly enrichment activity for both Science and Social Studies. Keeping the attention span of students at this age in mind, it may be necessary to “chunk” activities into manageable blocks of time and provide breaks. The main route of home-school communication will be via Google Classroom. Teachers will be able to post documents/materials for home download, and students will be able to submit completed assignments via the Google Classroom. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to sign in to the SGGG Google account that belongs to your son/daughter.

Grades 5 – 8: Instructional goals will focus on the following core subject areas: English/Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science, and Social Studies. Students in Grades 5-8 will have a Google Classroom for each of the four core subject areas listed above. The grade levels with electronic access to textbooks will continue to utilize this resource. Teachers will be able to post documents/materials for home download, and students will be able to submit completed assignments via the Google Classroom. Teachers will use the Google Classroom to post questions and initiate discussion threads. On average, there will be approximately 40 minutes of activity per day per class. Grades 7 and 8 may also have assigned meeting times using an online video platform, most likely Skype.