

March 19, 2020

Dear Saint Pius X School Families,

I hope you are all doing well. We miss your children. I told Fr. Bill today that school is not much fun without children. I think many of you know that I have never been in favor of eLearning, now called Distance Learning; however, now we have no choice.

With that said, we started our week out with professional development focusing on best practices in Distance Learning presented by our School Board President, Matt Kloser. He is with the Notre Dame - Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program. It was very valuable for all of us and certainly confirmed that we had to change our mindset. Then we came together as a staff and shared, discussed, and brainstormed. On Tuesday, Mrs. Watson and I started meeting with grade level groups-kindergarten-second, third-fifth and middle school/humanities and then we all came back together. We worked toward consistency throughout the building with guidelines for children and families.

As of now, this is what the process will look like:

### **General Information**

- You will receive an introductory letter from each of your child's teachers on Friday.
- Lessons will be posted by 9:00 a.m. on scheduled days as listed below.
- Teachers will check their emails periodically throughout each day and will respond to questions as soon as possible.
- Teachers will provide feedback to lessons.
- Teachers will keep records of assignments.

### **Kindergarten- Fifth Grade**

- Lessons will be sent out in the elementary grades, kindergarten through grade five, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- Humanities classes-physical education, music, art, computer lessons will be sent on Monday only. Families can decide on which days of the week they would like to complete the humanities lessons.

### **Middle School (grades 6-8)**

- Middle school will send half of the class lessons each day.
  - Monday/Wednesday - Math, Language Arts, Spanish, Music/Band, & PE
  - Tuesday/Thursday - Social Studies, Religion, Science, & Art/Computer
  - Friday - catch up from the week

At this point, our teachers have prepared three weeks worth of lessons, two weeks before spring break and one week after. If we are still out of school after spring break, we will come back together as a staff and discuss what we learned from the first two weeks and how to move forward.

We value your input and want to partner with you to continually improve this process. Please click [HERE](#) to access an online feedback form regarding Distance Learning.

Thank you for being patient with us. This is uncharted territory for all.

Please pray for everyone who has been affected by this horrible virus in any way.

Holy Spirit Come to Us,  
Elaine Holmes