

March 16, 2020

Dear ASA Families,

“We may never know if we did too much but we will certainly know if we didn’t do enough.”

This morning, staff members met in Blessed Sacrament Church to plan how to best serve the families of All Saints Academy. With the backdrop of the tabernacle, where the real presence of Christ resides, a serious tone became more lighthearted as we talked about your precious children, who after just two days, we are missing so dearly already. We laughed. We cried. We wanted to hug but couldn’t. While uncertainty in the new normal, one thing is for certain. All Saints Academy is blessed with an amazing staff that is dedicated to your child’s learning, whether they will be present in our classrooms or not.

So let’s chat about how that is going to look for the next three weeks, as we aim to provide some normalcy and personal contact for you and your family...

First, know that what we are sharing with you are general guidelines as we navigate these uncharted waters together. If at any time you feel overwhelmed, alone, or unequipped to deliver these educational resources, know that it is OK! Reach out to teachers. Many were talking today about staying connected via emails and phone calls and are willing to help. If at any time you feel like this is not enough and want to add, pivot, or extend any material, know that is OK too.

You will be receiving more specific instructions from your child’s homeroom teacher in a separate email. Please be on the lookout for that. We have also set up a page on our school website that will be a central location for all communications and resources related to the COVID-19 virus. [This page can be found here, as well as a link to it on the home page.](#)

CHILD CARE CLOSED

It is important to note that Child Care will remain closed for the rest of this week. We will be constantly assessing our situation on a week to week basis. It is our hope that Child Care will reopen on Monday, March 23rd. Please know that this was not an easy decision. We understand there are many of you who cannot afford to stay home. We know that we have many parents who work in the health professions field and our community needs them to be at work to help fight this virus. If you need child care for your family, consider reaching out to ASA staff members to inquire about private services in either your home or theirs.

BOTH CAMPUSES OPEN TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Both buildings will be open Tuesday, March 17, from 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM. We will be enforcing the CDC recommendation of no more than 50 people congregated in a space. Please be patient as we allow access to our buildings. Please limit 1 adult per family for pick up.

- We invite you to pick up:
- All personal items
- Supplies you want access to at home
- Textbooks & Instruments
- Any food and clothes in lockers

ACADEMIC SESSIONS AND SCHEDULE

During our time apart we hope to provide an adaptable schedule for you with the following suggestions and consideration:

- Our learning weeks will start with a communication day on Tuesdays for teachers to send out information and a 5 day schedule of work from Wednesdays to Tuesdays.
- Students will have access to 3 to 5 learning objectives daily
 - Math, English-Language Arts and Religion will have daily objectives
 - Enrichment activities will also be available and may include social studies and science as well as Spanish, art, music, STEM, etc.
 - Middle school students can also practice their instrument for 15 minutes a day
- Homeroom teachers will maintain digital office hours from 10:00AM to 1:00PM to answer any questions or concerns through email and Canvas.

Below is a suggested schedule that could provide you a guideline for how to break up your students' day. Make this work for you and do what works for your family:

Prayer
Family Meeting
Objective 1
Break/Snack
Objective 2
Lunch/Recess
Objective 3
Objective 4/5
Prayer

TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET INFORMATION

As we plan instruction we want to both inquire about what access your family has at home and send resources for online support.

- Please fill out these forms to help us understand your accessibility:
 - [Access Information for ASA](#) (K-8 Families Only)
 - [Parent supervision for online work](#)
- Here are [reminders for accessing Canvas as well as information about online parent control options](#).

STUDENT MEALS

We are greatly concerned about meal service for students, especially those who rely on free and reduced-price meals. Most local school districts have developed meal distribution plans that went into effect today. Please consult webpages of the local district in which you reside for details. Students do not have to be enrolled in the school district to be eligible for meals. [Here are the local locations if you are in need of breakfast and/or lunch for your children](#)

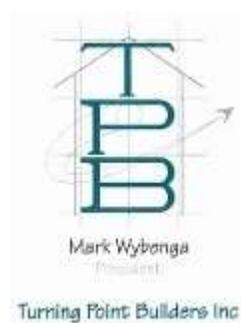
Keeping you all in our prayers,

God Bless,

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