

April 3, 2020

Dear ASA Families,

Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms-to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way.

-Viktor Frankl

Although it is best for the overall health and well-being of our community, we are saddened by Governor Whitmer's recent Executive Order as we will not be able to gather together as a school community for the remainder of the year. Spring is such a wonderful time for students with many celebrations of accomplishment and growth. While we will not be physically present together, we will continue our shared purpose of "Forming Saints to Serve All" as a community remotely. Of course this is going to look very different than any of us planned or even imagined back in August. So, it is as important as ever to remember our root beliefs at All Saints Academy: We are one. We can all grow. Creativity and Innovation Promote Success. All things are possible through Christ.

Yesterday, you received a message from the Diocese of Grand Rapids Office of Catholic Schools regarding continued remote instruction for the 2019-2020 school year. Please make sure to read Superintendent Dave Faber's letter to families.

We want to draw attention to our partnership with you to deliver the full value of a Catholic education.

Students will continue to be served new content, standards, instruction and assessment for the duration of the closure, and until they have successfully completed the current school year.

- The student learning environment may shift from synchronous (students learn at the same time) to asynchronous (students learn at different times). Meaning that there may be flexibility in when and how work is turned in for students.
- If work due during this closure is not completed in a satisfactory way, it will be marked in Infinite Campus as incomplete.
- Students who need extra time to complete their work will have extended time even into the summer months, if necessary.
 - Some students, particularly those who struggle with a remote learning format, may need additional time beyond the school calendar to complete their lessons, assignments, and assessments.
 - Some students may need additional "in person" support as soon as that becomes possible. We are committed to your child's success.

Parents/guardians/caregivers remain critical in successful remote learning. New content, standards, instruction and assessment will continue to be communicated to parents/guardians, or

their designee, for the duration of the closure and until students have successfully completed the school year.

- Parents/guardians/caregivers may track student progress through emails/phone calls with their child's teacher and through Infinite Campus.
 - Parents are the first educators of their children, but we know you weren't expecting to be their full-time teacher. Teachers will be in contact with you regularly. Please tell them what you and your child need as we journey through this together.
 - Periodically or perhaps on a regular basis, we will need you to pick up and drop off learning materials, if possible or allowable.

Teachers are committed to you and to your child, and to continue preparing lessons, resources, feedback, and assessment each day according to the school calendar.

- Teachers will communicate and track student progress through emails/phone calls to parents and through Infinite Campus.
 - Teachers immediately took action to provide lessons, resources, feedback, and assessments to initiate this remote learning process. We will continue to refine this process during these weeks.
 - Teachers are working hard to help their students daily, and will continue to grow in their ability to use the various tools available to them.
 - If it becomes necessary, teachers will continue to engage with students remotely until all incompletes are completed, officially marking the end of the school year for your child.
 - Schools may need to open a learning lab or student support services center when that becomes possible to assist students who need more structure and support in order to complete the year successfully.

We will run a mini session after Spring Break, on April 14-17, similar to the instruction we have been delivering since the initial closure, although you will see work scaled back significantly. During this time staff will also work together evaluating what we've learned over these first few weeks, to update our remote learning plan to be as robust as possible for the remainder of the academic year.

An updated schedule and remote learning plan will be provided by Thursday, April 16. The revised expectations will go into effect Monday, April 20.

Picking up any remaining personal materials

Since the school buildings have been closed, our teams have been working hard to clean and sanitize. We are talking about ways to coordinate efficient and safe pick up of any personal items still at school. We will communicate a plan for this after spring break. If there is anything at school that your student needs sooner than that, please contact Mr. Debri mdebri@asagr.org or Miss Giroux agiroux@asagr.org.

Bike Drawing at 3:00 PM Today

Tune in to Facebook Live today, or [follow this link](#), for a Google Meet to watch Mr. Debri pull two winners (boy and girl) for the March is Reading Month bike raffle. All students were entered into the contest.

Middle School Book Trivia

We have one final book trivia challenge for middle school students, [you can join it here](#). This link will remain active through April 10th. Students, please pick a nickname that will allow us to identify you so we can announce winners after Spring Break!

Covid-19 Resources on the website

All communications and a number of resources are linked on our website [COVID-19 Resources page](#) for ease of access.

God Bless,

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