



# SJB News & Notes

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*April 2, 2020*

## Principal's Corner

Boy did it feel like spring this week! I hope your family was able to take some time this week to explore outside. Since distance learning schedules are more flexible, as parents we need to take advantage of this time to show our children how flexibility can work to our advantage.

Even with the technical SeeSaw glitch to start Monday morning, I am thrilled with how smoothly our students have transitioned to distance learning. As we continue with distance learning over the next four weeks, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at anytime.

Tomorrow is our "virtual" Lenten Retreat. You should have received an email yesterday from me with a link to the information needed for the retreat from home. If you did not receive that email, please let me know as soon as possible.

Next week for the Sacred Triduum, students will not have core content homework on Thursday (4/9), Friday (4/10), and Monday (4/13). Instead, they will receive work related to each Holy Day. Your child's teacher will email the assignments to you next week. This work can be done as a family.

Blessings,  
Dawn Biren



## Feedback on Week 1

We hope that each family is finding success at home with distance learning and beginning to establish a new routine. The old saying, "It takes a village to raise a child," is going to be put to the test over the coming weeks. It truly is a partnership between school and home that will ensure success.

To that end, we invite you to complete this [Week 1 Distance Learning Survey](#) to tell us what is working and where there is room for improvement!

## Distance Learning Updates

First, thank you to our teachers for making this week go as smoothly as it possibly could!

It is important that your child is taking time each day to complete their assigned work, and turning into their teacher requested assignments. This is how we know that your child is active in school for the day and present for their learning. We still need to take attendance each day, and completed work is a sign that your child was "present" that day.

If your child is sick during this distance learning time period, it is important that you let your child's teacher know, along with their symptoms. Our school nurse will be checking our attendance records and notes for illnesses with our students.

Per the Archdiocese, all schools are to communicate to families their plan should the closure be extended past May 4. It is our intent to continue with distance learning until we can be back in our building, no matter what date that may be.

## Service Bricks

As your child completes their service projects during Lent, have them complete a paper brick that was emailed home last week. Miss Deb will be displaying them in the front window of the school over the coming weeks.

You can either email them to school or mail them to 111 West Main Street Vermillion, MN 55085.

## Lenten Retreat - April 3

The information for this year's K-4 Lenten Retreat was emailed to families on Wednesday. If you cannot access that email, you can also find the information on our school website under *For Parents/Online Learning Resources*. At the top of that page is a link to the Retreat Information, then Father's video, and the two songs from Mrs. Aslesen.