



SJB News & Notes

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Principal's Corner

Distance/virtual learning is the perfect time to practice flexibility. I hope that the improvements that were implemented this week helped to alleviate some of the stress felt during the first week of learning.

Please carefully read this week's newsletter, as there are new improvements beginning the week of April 14. Next week I will send out another feedback survey, during our 3rd week of distance learning, to gather input from you on the improvements that have been put in place.

I wish you and your family a very Blessed Easter this weekend. I hope that you can take time away from the stressful world around us, to reflect on the beauty that God has given to us.



Blessings,
Dawn Biren

Grading for 2019-2020

As with most things in our life right now, how we grade our students will be changing for the remainder of this school year.

Monday night SAC decided that we would continue with traditional grading for the 3rd Quarter, which ended a week ago, and then move to a pass/no pass grading structure for the 4th Quarter.

Teachers are compiling the 3rd Quarter grades, and we hope to have report cards in the mail to you by April 20.

Should you have any questions on grading, please contact Mrs. Biren directly.

Distance Learning Updates

NEW 4:1 Schedule

Beginning the week of April 14, we will move to a 4:1 schedule. This is a measure to help students and parents feel even more successful with distance learning. Here are the details:

- Teachers will assign daily work with the Must Do/May Do structure on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
- Wednesdays will serve as a "work day" for students and "office hours" for teachers.
- On Wednesdays, students will have time to complete any unfinished Must Do work and begin working on some of their May Do work. This is a great day to go on the virtual field trip or work on a STEM activity.
- On Wednesdays, teachers will be able to meet online with students in a one-on-one or small group (2-3 students) setting. Your child's teacher will communicate with you if they need a working session on a Wednesday.
- Teachers will continue to offer weekly Sip 'n Chat sessions with students, those can take place any day of the week.

As we continue to define our new normal, we hope this will help with your child's learning and your workload at home. As always, please let us know your thoughts on any and all improvements that we implement. We truly value our partnership with our parents.

Sacred Triduum

As a reminder, there will be no core content work sent to students on Thursday, Friday, and next Monday. Instead, teachers will be sharing a prayer service and activities with you each day.

Please look for emails from your child's teacher regarding these prayerful learning opportunities.