

St. Bernard's Catholic School

Learning with God's Guidance

May 1, 2020

Dear St. Bernard's Parents,

With no changes to the shelter-in-place guidelines in our county, we plan to continue remote learning through Friday, May 8th for eighth graders and Friday, May 22nd for Kindergarten through 7th grade students. During the week of May 18-22 teachers and students will be wrapping up the fourth quarter and school year. We intend for this week to be a time to catch up and wrap up, which we hope will help any students who may have fallen behind on assignments. It is imperative that students complete all assigned work no later than May 8th for eighth grade and May 22nd for the rest of the school. The week of May 26-29 will not include academics, but virtual end-of-the-year activities.

One of the many positive outcomes of remote learning is the strengthening of our parent-teacher-student partnership. Our teachers have been very accommodating to each family's particular circumstances during this difficult time. Respectful and timely communication has been and continues to be key to the success of remote learning. It should be noted that, while our teachers have adopted much more flexible late-work policies, turning work in a timely manner continues to be the expectation. Keep in mind that teachers may not be able to review and grade late work immediately. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank the parents who have complimented us on our seamless transition into remote learning mode. We are proud of the fact that we had a plan in place and that there was no interruption in the delivery of lessons and assignments. Adjustments continue to be made to provide the best possible learning environment for our students under the current circumstances. Our teachers and administration continue to work hard to keep our students moving forward, as you do at home. With your support, we will keep engaging with our students to provide stability, a sense of community, and opportunities for spiritual growth during this time of social distancing.

At this point in time we are proceeding with the assumption that we will return to the school building in August. If we receive directives otherwise from our state and local public health authorities, we will modify our activities accordingly. With that in mind, next week we will email instructions to complete Online Enrollment to the parents who have expressed their intent for their children to return in August.

As we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we know that there are many questions and concerns about how schooling will look like for your children. Please review the latest update from Marian Graham, our Director for Catholic Schools, with information on what is taking place in our diocese and across the state to address these concerns.

Thank you for your continued support of the efforts that we are making to provide Catholic education to your children in this time when faith and trust in God must lead the way. Know that you are your families in my daily prayers.

Peace,

Patty Paredes
Principal