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Dear All Saints Students, Parents, and Teachers,

We, the teachers, are excited to introduce you to our new distance learning schedule that begins this Monday, March 30, 2020. This schedule will create structure to our learning time and it gives lots of consideration to the many parts of learning that take place on any given day.

We created this schedule with one main question in mind: “What content and skills are necessary to ensure that each student will be ready for their rising grade level?” That means that we know Reading and Math content will continue to move forward so that there are no learning gaps when you return in August. That’s why Reading and Math instruction will occur 3 times per week. For Science, Social Studies, and Religion, those classes will meet once per week online and will be more project based. There will also be Resource Class time built in so that you the opportunity to complete tasks related to PE, Music, Spanish, Art, and Technology. Every student in the school will receive grades for the 4th grading period and you will finish the year with the report card you earn. Therefore, keep up with your assignments so that you get the highest grades possible.

Another feature of the schedule is “Student Support”. Consider this to be teacher “office hour” time in which teachers are available to support you through email, video, or phone call. However, keep in mind that teachers will be available at any time they are not prescheduled to be online. Also, we have added time for teacher training, because teachers are still learning about on-line education. We will be having faculty meetings on Mondays.

While the schedule attached is an outline for the entire school, your individual teacher will follow up with you on what you should be doing throughout your day during the times you are not online. They will also be sending you Zoom (or other online video platform) meeting invitations to your email. We trust you will catch on quickly.

Students, we want you to prepare for these online classes as you would any school day. Meaning, eat breakfast, sit at your desk, take notes, get dressed for success. If you want to wear your uniform, please do so. However, you may wear tag day clothes as long as you follow the tag-day guidelines while the class is online. Your teachers will go over basic etiquette and expectations of what it means to take an online class. Teachers have been given permission to mute, stop video, or even disconnect you from the class if inappropriate comments or content is displayed. If that happens, then it can impact your grade. We certainly hope that is not the case.

Students, now is your time to shine! We know most of you have already been working very hard to stay up with your lessons. Your teachers have been such an inspiration to me through their willingness to try new skills and adapt. This schedule give us the best chance at school wide routines and expectations. We can’t wait to get started! Go Knights!

With all the Saints,

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