



St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School COVID-19 eLearning Updates

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Our Mission: To Teach, Love, Live and Learn as Jesus Did

Our Vision: Share Faith, Serve Others, Seek Knowledge

Dear Parents and Students,

On behalf of our Pastor, Fr. Tom Shoemaker, and Fr. James, and all here at school, we pray that you and your families are well. In these extraordinary times, I believe we will see extraordinary acts of kindness, caring, and generosity. I also thank you in advance for your cooperation, understanding, and patience as we walk together through this continually changing pandemic. Our first priority is the health and well-being of our school families and employees, and only then can we have that discussion about the need to continue with the daily education of our young people.

Please know that our faculty and staff will be working hard to continue to provide sensible and essential instruction for your children. I do need everyone to get their minds around the idea that we may not have in-person instruction within the school building for 3-4 weeks, and possibly not for the rest of this school year. In light of this possibility, we want to ensure that students have a path to clear instruction and continuous learning. Please stress to your children the importance of staying current with assigned instruction and the need to complete work on time. Working together, I am confident that this will be a productive educational experience.

Over the course of the next two weeks, students will be assigned four days of instruction. Students will need to complete each day's work for course credit. Our school website's eLearning access tab will be live for student access tomorrow (Tuesday) at three o'clock. For further directions, please see the eLearning information below. Thank you for your children. We will figure it out together!
-Rob S.

SCBS eLearning Schedule

1. ELearning will begin on Tuesday, March 17th, at 3:00 p.m., access through the school website's "eLearning" tab.
2. Assignments/content will be presented as Day 1, Day 2, Day 3, & Day 4 to be worked through in sequential order.
3. Day 1 & Day 2 are due Monday morning by 8:00 a.m.
4. Day 3 & Day 4 are due Thursday evening by 8:00 p.m.
5. Students are free to work ahead to complete assignments as best suits the family schedule
6. As we were scheduled to be off school from Friday, March 27th-Friday April 3rd, no eLearning will be assigned during this time
7. Teachers will be available online Mondays through Fridays 9am - 1:00pm via Canvas (students grs. 4-8) and for all students through teachers' emails as found on the eLearning pages, and/or found through the "Faculty And Staff" tab of our school website. Please understand that teachers will be working from home. If you email between 9:00-1:00, and on occasion a response is not immediate (within 5-15 minutes), please know that you will receive a response within the day. Also, you can email after the posted hours, and teachers will still be checking periodically and respond.
8. **The school office will be open Mondays-Fridays from 7:00am-Noon.** If you call and receive the answering machine, please leave a message. We will be checking voice messages and returning calls daily.

Daily Food Assistance

- As all want to help in this exceptional time, many local businesses are offering free meals to kids. Check out your nearby restaurants and businesses, and you may find some relief in the way of meals or supplies.
- Fort Wayne Community Schools will provide free meals for children beginning Tuesday. Meals will be offered to any child, regardless of the school they attend. Youngsters not yet in school will also qualify. FWCS will distribute breakfast and lunch packs from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. daily at all FWCS elementary schools. Children must be present to pick up the meals, which will be distributed by drive-up or walk-up. Meals will be available Monday through Friday during the entire closure, including during spring break (March 30-April 3). Find more information here:
<https://wpta21.com/2020/03/15/fwcs-to-provide-meals-to-every-student-starting-tuesday/>

A Special Consideration - Please Continue to Tithe During this Time

Obviously health concerns are affecting Church attendance. The pandemic may even cause Churches to be shut down for a period of time. As you know, our Parish relies on collected tithe to fund our ministries, our Parish school being the greatest expense. For the continued viability of the Parish during this crisis, I ask that you continue to tithe weekly. Most of us currently conduct some or all of our banking/bill paying electronically nowadays, and if you don't tithe electronically, then this is a great time to begin doing so, if even

temporarily. This will help to keep employees paid and bills met. In your online checking or savings account, simply add a new payee and send an e-check to:

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

4916 Trier Rd.

Ft. Wayne, IN 46815

On the memo line add: Your envelope # and the word "Tithe" and the Parish will properly record your donation. Thank you.

Internet

Comcast is offering free Internet Service to those that qualify-

<https://www.wane.com/news/comcast-to-offer-free-internet-to-low-income-families-during-coronavirus-pandemic/>

Direct link here: <https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>

Free Education Resources

- Check out an extensive list of free resources for parents to use at home with their children:
<http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/>
- Scholastic Learn at Home: <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>