



St. Vincent de Paul School Distance Learning Plan for Parents 2020-21

Even though our school building was closed due to COVID-19 this spring, learning continued at St. Vincent's until the end of the 2019-20 school year. Distance Learning was new for all of us in our school community. We surveyed our families so should we have to return to distance learning in the fall, we will be ready for the best possible remote learning experience for our students.

We anticipate resuming school in our building in late August following the recommendations for the Office of Catholic Schools, the Health Department, and Governor. If we should, however, need to return to distance learning any time next year, our plan is ready to implement.

Since we know the value of school and the impact of the face-to-face student-teacher relationship on learning, we are continuing to develop a meaningful distance learning plan for our students. This plan will ensure that our students have opportunities to experience the care and commitment of the faculty and staff as well as the routine of daily learning during this school closure. We acknowledge that the success of this plan is also dependent on parent support.

Through our Distance Learning Plan, we have four goals for preschool through grade eight students:

- Continued contact between teacher and student
- Online content delivery with a flexible framework
- Online monitoring of student progress and assessment
- Continued offering of prayerful experiences for students

Teachers have designed materials to be easy for you or your child to access and use. Intermediate teachers and students are accessing Google Classroom. Primary teachers and specialists are providing information via Google Sites and Seesaw.

Throughout any extended closure, teachers will be available to our school families Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm, to respond to questions by phone and email. Teachers are also conducting Zoom or Google Meet sessions.

Assignments, projects, quizzes and tests will be evaluated and reported in PowerSchool. Please encourage your child to submit all work. Parents, we realize that your help with downloading and submitting work is vital for primary students.

Here are a few additional things you can do to support your student during our continued time of distance learning:

- Talk with your student about where in your home they will do their schoolwork and the value of a daily routine.
- Help your student identify healthy and safe ways to stay connected with their friends from school.
- Should you or your child have difficulty accessing materials, please reach out to your student's teacher.
- Be aware of your child's social and emotional well-being.

Through this Distance Learning Plan, and with the support of our parents, we can continue living our mission to form students who are faith-filled Catholics, have a joy of learning, and are responsible members of our community.

More details to come as we continue to plan meaningful remote learning opportunities! Stay healthy and active!

Please let us know if you have any questions. We are here for you!

Mrs. Stewart and the Faculty & Staff