

Virtual Learning Summary

During this Global Pandemic, we believe that in-person teaching is the best mode for students' education. However, we do recognize the desire for some families to remain at home until a vaccine or treatment is developed. It is important to us to provide a way to keep each student connected and part of our faith-filled school community.

We do not want COVID-19 to be the reason you feel that you can no longer be a part of our school. Therefore, we are offering a virtual learning program for students who chose not to attend live school daily due to the global pandemic. This would include those with underlying health conditions of self or others in the household in order to avoid exposure, if family members have travelled out of the country or hot spots within the United States. A virtual learning program is being offered to students who choose not to attend live school daily due to the global pandemic. Students with underlying health conditions, households with a family member in a high-risk category or travel to hot spots within the United States may want to consider the option. Virtual learning will be different from our inaugural attempt in the Spring 2020. It will be more rigorous and will include all subjects including our special classes.

Who Can Participate:

Any student who is unable to attend school for an extended period of time may participate. (for example, self-quarantine, exposure to COVID, positive COVID results, underlying medical conditions, uncomfortable with current global pandemic).

What will be Expected:

Students and teachers and parents will need to sign a Virtual Learning Agreement (Form 4), and responsibilities need to be followed. See attached.

What will be Needed:

Students will need necessary technology and internet access to participate in the Virtual Learning Program. Students may borrow technology from school or use their own personal devices. Students will need to have an appropriate learning space for their daily educational needs. Students will need necessary supplies and books at their workspace at home. Students will acquire the necessary materials from school prior to engaging in Virtual Learning.

What will Virtual Learning look like:

Virtual Learning for 2020-2021 school year will be a high quality and rigorous education aligning to our faith-based curriculum for easy transition back to in-person instruction when ready. Students will need to sign in to their teacher's zoom room every day for attendance, prayers and instruction as early as 7:15 a.m. The webcam will be focused on the teacher and the

whiteboard/blackboard. No students in the classroom will be visible to the students in the virtual classroom. Virtual students will not be visible to the students in the classrooms. This measure will be utilized for student privacy and protection.

K-8 Virtual Learning Instruction

1. Check into Schoology to see the work for the day.
2. Be present for the live instruction.
3. Must maintain acceptable school behavior consistent with the student handbook.
4. Use a dedicated work space.
5. Leave the camera on during instructional time.
6. Contact the teacher with questions or concerns (through chat or Schoology).
7. K-3 lessons may be recorded for an asynchronous viewing at a later time.

The Diocese of Allentown Acceptable Use Policy for Computing and Internet Access and School Handbook/Discipline policy applies virtually as well as at school. Appropriate disciplinary action will be in accordance with School Handbook policy.