

January 3, 2022

Good Afternoon Parents and Families,

Happy New Year! What an interesting start to 2022!

In preparation for the possibility of school closures due to weather or other reasons, we will need to use our Snow Days, Flexible Instruction Days or Fully Virtual Days. Below is information you will need to know.

Snow Days:

School will be closed. This is a day off. No new school work is assigned on these days. **We have 3 Snow Days.**

Flexible Instructional Days:

School will be closed. Work will be provided for the students in Google classroom or in prepared packets. This is NOT a virtual learning day where students need to be online for class. Teachers will schedule a one hour check in time from 9:00-10:00 to provide students or parents the opportunity to ask questions about assignments via Zoom. Teachers will provide their Zoom Meeting ID and Password to their students and parents.

Student attendance for Flexible Instruction Days will be based on the completion of all assignments. The students will have **THREE** days to complete and turn in the assignments, or they will be marked absent for that day.

We have 5 Flexible Instruction Days that can be used this school year.

Fully Virtual Days:

Due to the increase of COVID cases, we are concerned for the safety of our students, faculty, staff and families. Like many school districts and Diocesan schools, we are also experiencing a shortage of substitute teachers. If a teacher is unable to come to work due to COVID or COVID exposure, there is a *possibility* that a class may need to go virtual. This decision will be made after all other options have been utilized. We will do our best to accommodate these types of situations without causing too much of an inconvenience. NOTE: If you are able to help with subbing, please reach out to us immediately.

Virtual Instruction will be like a regular school day. Students will be expected to be on Zoom from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM with scheduled breaks (including snack and lunch). Times may vary per the teacher's discretion. Zoom protocols need to be followed:

- Cameras must be turned on and focused on the student during instruction.
- Students should remain muted unless they are answering questions.
- Students should be dressed appropriately for school (uniforms are not required, but pajamas are not allowed.)
- Students should be at a desk or table while “in class.” They are not allowed to be lounging in bed or on a couch.
- All other electronics should be off – no TV, cell phones, video games, etc.
- Other household distractions should be at a minimum (dogs, cats, siblings should not be interrupting the virtual classroom).

Attendance for Fully Virtual Days will be based on the student attending all classes from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM each day.

Fully Virtual Days will be used should an entire class need to go virtual due to circumstances related to the pandemic. It will not be used on an individual basis.

Should Snow Days, Flexible Instruction Days or Fully Virtual Days become necessary the information will be shared with the families through our Parent Alert System.

Calling on St. Padre Pio again.

Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry,

Mrs. Okula

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Dear Diocesan Educational Community,

I hope each of you and your families enjoyed a blessed and joyful Christmas. As we begin this New Year, we are faced with many challenges. With COVID-19 cases rising across the five county area of the Diocese, hospitals near capacity including an increase in pediatric hospitalizations, we will not be moving to a mask recommended policy on January 10, 2022. Our current mask requirement for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors in our schools will remain in place. We will re-evaluate the mask policy again the week of February 7, 2022.

I know that this is a change from our plans announced in December. As I shared with you in my December 15th correspondence, the mask recommended policy would need to be re-evaluated if the situation changed and compromised our ability to keep our schools both safe and open. In re-evaluating our mitigation strategies, we took into consideration the surge of the COVID-19 virus in our community, particularly the omicron variant over the last few weeks, the number of COVID-19 cases in our schools prior to the Christmas break along with the number of cases reported from our schools over the Christmas break and since returning today. We must be responsive to the most current information available and prioritize keeping our students and staff safe and safeguard in-person instruction. These two principles drive our decisions around our COVID-19 protocols.

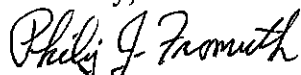
Additionally, we are reviewing the new Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for Isolation and Quarantine Periods issued on December 27th; however, we learned yesterday that the newly issued protocols may be revised again early this week. Also, we are anticipating receiving guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) this week regarding Isolation and Quarantine Periods. Given the uncertainty with the new CDC guidelines and possible changes along with forthcoming direction from PDE, we will stay with our current procedures and time frames for quarantine and isolation for the time being.

With the assistance and support of each of you, we have been able to keep our students in school for in-person instruction, limit the number of quarantines, and keep our students and staff safe. As we begin the New Year with the increasing number of cases, it is important that we all remain vigilant and following the existing proposals.

As we have done throughout the pandemic, we will continue to review and revise our mitigation strategies given the available information, always focusing on keeping our schools both safe and open.

May you and your families have a happy, holy, and safe New Year!

Sincerely,



Philip J. Fromuth, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Catholic Education



Help the Hungry and the Homeless-2021

Beginning on January 24th and ending on February 4th, we ask that all St. Jane School families help with the St. Vincent de Paul's Food Pantry by donating non-perishable goods. The following is an itemized list for each classroom designed to assist the community with its greatest need. Items may be brought to class anytime during Catholic Schools Week and the week following. This is a great time to clean out kitchen cabinets from items that may be close to expiration or items you will not use. Of course, any donation regardless of brand or product is greatly appreciated. We can also accept cash donations to be given to the Food Pantry directly. Thank you for your generous spirit in giving to others in great need.

Kindergarten - Cold Cereal, Oatmeal, Pop-tarts, Jelly

1A- Shelf-stable milk in cartons (like Parmalat found in the breakfast or coffee aisle), powdered milk

1B - Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, sugar

2A- Canned pasta: Spaghettios, Beefaroni, ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs

2B- Tuna, Baked beans

3A-Boxed instant potatoes or any other packaged potatoes, Stove Top stuffing

3B- Hamburger Helper, Chicken Helper, Tuna Helper, Sloppy Joe Mix

4A and 4B- Paper products: toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, napkins

5A- Shampoo, crème rinse, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, floss

5B- Deodorant, bar soap, liquid bath soap or hand soap

6A-Canned spaghetti sauce, canned gravy, or manual can openers

6B- Egg noodles, all kinds of pasta, Rice-a-roni or any prepared boxed rice

7A- Cooking oil (vegetable, corn, or canola oil), ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, salt

7B- Canned or jarred fruit, snack pack fruit, snack pack pudding, juice boxes

8A- Dish detergent, surface cleaners like Fantastic, bathroom cleaners

8B-Laundry detergent, dryer sheets, fabric softener



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A Catholic Tradition in Academic Excellence

December 7, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,


Because we live in an area where the weather is so unpredictable, there are times in which the children come to school and then must be dismissed early. Your child's safety is always our number one concern. It is very important that we know how to send your child home when these situations occur. Please complete the form below and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Please be sure to fill out one form per child in our school.

Note: If your home School District is closed, there is no bus transportation to or from St. Jane School. Occasionally, on early dismissal days, school districts dismiss at different times as well. St. Jane School follows the Easton Area School District closings, delays and early dismissals. The walkers/car riders will be dismissed at the time Easton School District designates. Children who live outside the Easton Area School District and ride a bus from Bangor, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Northampton, Palisades, Pen Argyl and/or Wilson will wait in the school with me until their bus arrives.

The process for notification of early dismissal or school closing: A SchoolMessenger alert will be sent via phone, an email will be sent, a posting will be made to WFMZ, Channel 69 TV, and it will also appear on the School's FaceBook page. **Please DO NOT call the school or email dismissal arrangements on early dismissal days.** We need to leave our phone lines open for calls from the seven school districts to contact us. *It's quite a hectic time.* Please make arrangements with your child in the morning BEFORE you leave for school and PLEASE send a note if dismissal will be different. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

EXTENDED CARE IS NOT AVAILABLE ON EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS.

Sincerely,


Mrs. Marybeth Okula, Principal

EARLY DISMISSAL PLAN 2021-2022 PLEASE RETURN TO TEACHER ASAP

Child's Name: _____ Classroom _____

If there is an early dismissal due to inclement weather or other emergency, please send my child home

_____ on his/her bus # _____

_____ by car with _____

Signed: _____ Best Number to call: _____

**NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL
WINTER INFORMATION SESSION**

*Saturday, January
29th, 10a-11:30a*

Student led tours begin at 10:00 AM.
Last tour time will start at 11:30 AM.

Sign up is **STRONGLY** recommended to ensure we have
enough students available!

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040844a8a82ca7f58
-winter](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040844a8a82ca7f58-winter)



Questions - email Mrs. Kopp - mkopp@ndcrusaders.org
or call 610-868-1431 X1108

School Policies in Case of Inclement Weather

****St. Jane School K-8****

If severe weather causes the school to be closed, start late or have an early dismissal, please make every effort NOT to call the school. Our phone lines must be open to communicate with the seven different school districts and the media.

If weather is threatening in the morning, please make sure your child knows how they will be going home in the event of an early dismissal. Send a handwritten/typed note into school that morning if possible. Without a written note specifying otherwise, your child will be sent home their usual way.

Parent notifications include:

1. Parent Alert will be sent via our Student Information System. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM CALLING THE SCHOOL IF YOU MISS THE CALL.
2. WFMZ/TV Channel 69 or www.wfmz.com - if we are closed, delayed or dismissing early, I will be sure to have a notification posted here.
3. Also, once I post on WFMZ, WLEV-FM 100.7, Cat Country 96.1 and The Hawk-FM 99 and WAEB AM 790 will have notification.
4. Facebook/Instagram - a message will be seen there as well.

If you do not see St. Jane Frances de Chantal School specifically mentioned, the decision of Easton Area School District will be followed.

**** DELAYED START ****

Two hour delays - Children should NOT arrive before 9:00 a.m. There is NOT adult supervision before 9:00 a.m.

****EXTENDED CARE****

If there is a two-hour delay, Extended Care is NOT available.

If there is an early dismissal due to pending inclement weather, Extend Care is NOT available.

ST. JANE PRESCHOOL

1. Full-day preschool program, if there is an early dismissal for our K-8 students due to inclement weather, we will dismiss the children from our preschool 30 minutes later. For example, if St. Jane School (K-8) is dismissing at 11:00 a.m., preschool will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. (Preschoolers that have older siblings in the K-8 school will be dismissed right after the K-8 dismissal approximately 5 minutes after the walkers and car riders are gone).
2. We ask that you **DO NOT** park in front of the school during the K-8 dismissal time. Please utilize the lot adjacent to FFH or street parking. The Washington Blvd. area in front of the school buildings are reserved for buses and the car riders that follow. Occasionally, on early dismissal days, buses from the sending school districts arrive at different times, therefore, please do not park in front of the school unless directed to do so.
3. There is **NO** extended care on early dismissal inclement weather days.
4. On 2-hour delay days, preschool will start at 10:00 a.m. There will be **NO** before care on 2-hour delay days.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mrs. Okula at 610-253-8442 or email at principal@stjaneschool.com



St Jane Frances De Chantal SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Exciting News! The Senior High Youth Group will start meeting again this month. All are welcome from 8th grade students making confirmation in March and 9th -12th grade students. Fun, Fellowship, and Food starting on **1/16/2022 7:00-8:30pm** in the Monsignor Gobitus Room at St. Janes Church. Any questions contact Suzanne Nerone.



*JOIN US JANUARY 2022
MEET THE 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH
SNACKS
GAMES
FELLOWSHIP
FIELD TRIPS
TONS AND TONS OF FUN
BECOME PART OF AN AMAZING GROUP*

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