



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s);

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

- 1) **Thank you for all your support over the last few days.** With the cancellation of classes, this is new uncharted territory for all schools. Thank you for your patience as we journey through this time together with schools being closed indefinitely. May God continue to keep you and your children safe and healthy. You have our entire staff praying for you.
- 2) **Student-Led/Parent-Teacher Conferences:** CANCELLED for Wednesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 19.
- 3) **Tuesday, March 17 - Thursday, March 19:** Teacher preparation days to learn and prepare online work ready for your children in Grades 1 - 5 focusing on Literacy and Numeracy.
- 4) **Monday, March 30, 2020:** Schoolwork will be posted on Google Classroom, or sent to you via email. This is considered the first day of online learning for your child.
- 5) **Resources and Technology:** Please complete the linked survey to assist our teachers in knowing what resources you have in your home. For families who do not have adequate resources, we will be exploring what resources can be on loan. We do not have resources for every child to borrow, so we ask you to **only indicate** if you **do not have access or do not have the ability to arrange access** to support your child's learning. Please take care of any loaned items, as it is the property of Holy Family - it is expected to be used for educational purposes only and returned to the school.
[Link for Learning Resources in the Home Survey is in the email, please take a minute to let us know.](#)
- 6) **What is Google classroom? Below is a link for parents:**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Rd1CtG3iUA_iQ5W1L2WpAjpJ7Y7vj9-F/view?usp=sharing
- 7) **Powerschool and Edsby**
 - a) All parents have access to daily monitor their child's assignments and marks via our online reporting.
 - b) If you need assistance, please call the office.
 - c) Please do a daily check-in with your children. See the proposed schedule.
- 8) **Pick up of school supplies:**
 - a) Following AB Health, we cannot have more than 100 people in the school at a time. We have calculated that one parent and student(s) can come into the school to pick up their supplies.
 - b) Please know that this is not a time to socialize. Please go to the Southeast grade 5 and gym doors. All supplies are in the school gym, staff will be there to retrieve them for you.
 - c) Social Distancing- try your best to stay 1-2 meters away from other families.
 - d) Below is the schedule for picking up school supplies- including medication:

Wednesday, March 18		Thursday, March 19	
Time	Last name starts with	Time	Last name starts with
10:00 - 11:00 am	A-E	10:00 - 11:00 am	U-Z
11:00 - 12:00 pm	F-J	11:00 - 12:00 pm	P-T
12:00 - 1:00 pm	K-O	12:00 - 1:00 pm	K-O
1:00 - 2:00 pm	P-T	1:00 - 2:00 pm	F-J
2:00 - 3:00 pm	U-Z	2:00 - 3:00 pm	A-E

9) Proposed daily schedule for parents:

Before 9:00	Wake up	Say your daily prayers, eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed and ready for the day. :)
9:00-10:00	Morning walk/stretching	If you are home, family time- talk about what the day looks like. Review the schedule. If not, encourage your children to do something active. If you have a dog, they love to go for walks many times a day.
10:00 -11:00	Academic time	Using Google classroom, have your child log on using their Red Deer Catholic sign in and complete the day's work. Complete home reading.
11:00 -12:00	Creative time	Drawing, sing, create a dance routine, colouring, legos, sudoku, create with play dough, play music- practice your instrument, cook, bake, read an informational book
12:00	Lunch	
12:30	Chore time	Please make a list of chores that your children can complete: Wipe all kitchen tables and chairs, clean out cupboards, wipe all door handles, light switches, clean closets, clean their room, clean the bathroom, do laundry, vacuum, dust, clean/organize closets, walk the dog.
1:00 - 2:30	Quiet time	Pray, read for pleasure, nap, puzzles, word searches, crosswords
2:30 - 4:00	Academic time	Using Google classroom, have your child log on using their Red Deer Catholic sign in and complete the day's work. Complete home reading.
4:00 - 5:00	Afternoon fresh air	Walk, exercise, stretching
5:00 - 6:00	Dinner	
6:00 - 8:00	Daily check-in with children Free TV time or video game	Daily check-in with your child/children to see what they have completed for the day. Practice activities from our Mindset Monday lessons. Read, play a family board or card game, talk to your children and ask them if they have done their assignments for the day. Please be mindful of the amount of video games/screen time your child is accessing as this has been proven to have a negative effect on their mental health.
8:00-10:00	Bedtime	Say your prayers together and remove all electronic devices from your child's room.

10) Our school is committed to keeping the education of your child/children as our priority. Thank you again for your ongoing support. Please contact the school if you have any questions and we will do our best to respond as soon as we can.

Blessings,

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Holy Family School Administration Team