

Dear Parents,

Our preliminary re-opening plans have changed due to recent directives we received at our principals meeting with interim Superintendent Domonic Salce. Private schools are not mandated to follow the latest Executive Order from Governor Ducey; however, consistency throughout the diocese has been requested of all principals. Therefore, to ensure the safety of our school communities, in-person instruction has been delayed at this time.

The first day of school on August 17 will begin virtually for grades K - 8. At this time, the diocese has informed us that a "target" date of September 8 is possible for a return to in-person instruction. However, we were cautioned that this "target" date is not a guarantee. At St. John Bosco, we will be following scientific benchmarks from the CDC to guide our ability to offer in-person instruction. Currently, preschool students are the only group allowed to attend on-campus instruction. All preschool students (3 year olds and Pre-K) will begin in-person instruction on August 17.

Fortunately, at St. John Bosco, we were prepared for this decision. The possibility of school-wide online instruction was always part of the contingency plans that we worked on over the summer. Additionally, we learned a great deal since our abrupt shift online in the spring, and we are confident of our ability to deliver a quality **full-day**, academic program to students. As such, we will continue to educate the whole child through LIVE virtual instruction.

Revised Preliminary plan, Phase 1: At Home LIVE Virtual Instruction (August 17, 2020):

- A. Classroom resources will be checked out to each student (books, Chromebooks, etc.).
- B. Primary students will receive work packets with assignments, projects, and lesson materials.
- C. Teachers will be providing full-day instruction from their classroom on campus.
- D. Classrooms will be equipped with a webcam so the student at home can participate in real-time lesson instruction from their assigned grade-level teacher.
- E. Junior High students will participate in real-time lesson instruction from all content area teachers.
- F. Students will receive the same amount of classroom instruction as they would if they were on campus. They will follow their typical daily schedule/routine as if they were on campus, including breaks.
- G. All K - 8 students will utilize Google Classroom to view their schedules, log into Google Meet, locate and turn in class assignments.
- H. Accommodations and services will continue to be provided for students on a Student Support Plan.

- I. Special area classes (Spanish, Music, Library, and P.E.) will be taught virtually.

Virtual Instruction Guidelines and Expectations:

- A. The school day will begin and end at the regular time.
- B. Students need to be in school uniform and ready to begin each day at 7:55am.
- C. Attendance will be taken daily.
- D. Grades will be recorded in RenWeb according to the Diocesan Standards.
- E. All students in grades K - 8 will have a Google account to turn in assignments.

Please Note: The Parent-Student Handbook Agreement must be signed by parents and students and returned no later than Thursday, August 13.

IMPORTANT DATES:

AUGUST 10 - 12: CHECK OUT BOOKS AND MATERIALS; TIMES WILL BE FORTHCOMING

AUGUST 13: MEET THE TEACHER (VIRTUALLY); TIMES WILL BE FORTHCOMING

AUGUST 14: VIRTUAL CLASSROOM INFORMATION SESSION (VIRTUALLY), 6:00 - 7:00PM

AUGUST 17: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION) EXCEPT PRESCHOOL

AUGUST 19: CURRICULUM NIGHT (VIRTUALLY); TIMES WILL BE FORTHCOMING

We sincerely appreciate your patience and support. We will continue to keep our families updated as this situation remains fluid.

Blessings,

Anita Petitti
Principal