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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week and next, the school staff returns to the building for the first time since March. Classrooms are being set up following the latest Covid-19 expectations, and lessons are being planned. Schedules are being finalized, materials purchased, and textbooks delivered for the 2020-2021 school year. The building is waking up to what it was built to do: educating the hearts, minds, and spirits of the children of Saint Ignatius.

The teaching staff met over the weekend to solve how Saint Ignatius can provide a virtual solution for your children. The virtual school is an option for children with pre-existing conditions or parents concerned about returning their children to face-to-face instruction. The staff has created a rough outline for a plan that you will read in this letter. Please email Mrs. Sieve (lsieve@saintschool.org) with the names and grades of your children to be placed in the Saint Ignatius Virtual School. **Monday, August 17** is the final deadline for your decision about participating in the virtual school.

In Christ's Peace,

Kevin Vance
Principal

How will St. Ignatius Virtual School work?

The virtual school will follow what is happening in the classroom through Google Classroom and a daily bulletin. The daily bulletin of what will be covered during class will be posted each day at 9 am. Students in the virtual school will use the same books and technology as the students in the classroom.

When can a student in the virtual environment transition to face-to-face instruction?

We hope that students transition to face-to-face when they are able and comfortable and as soon as possible. Transitions to the classroom will occur on Mondays if the students are current in all their assignments.

Can students alternate between virtual and face-to-face instruction?

When students move from virtual to face-to-face instruction, we expect that they stay in face-to-face instruction for the remainder of the year.



If the school goes into remote learning, can virtual students join their classmates in remote learning?

Yes, remote learning will include live instruction for all students.

Will there be live instruction for virtual students like in the spring?

There will be no live or taped instruction for virtual students. Each child will be assigned a liaison teacher who will meet with each child in the virtual school each day for up to 30 minutes. The liaison will be the advocate and contact between the family and the teaching staff. This contact person could be their homeroom teacher or any other teacher at that grade level. Teachers will publish resources, handouts, and assignments in Google Classroom to follow what is happening in the classroom.

What do the daily check-ins look like each day?

The liaison teacher will meet with the student at a predetermined time each day. In this meeting, the staff will answer questions, problem solve situations, and/or even help the child to understand what is expected in assignments. Depending on the liaison, they may be able to re-teach a specific topic or skill. If a child/parent has a question on how to do something or are stuck on particular problems, they will be able to email the content teacher for direction, resources, and/or help.

How will attendance be handled?

Attendance will be monitored and recorded when the student attends their daily check-in. Participation in the daily check-ins is expected of every child in the virtual school.

Will children in the virtual school have interactions with their classmates?

Interactions with classmates will occur in different ways, as we are concerned about the social-emotional health of all students. We will create social interactions at each grade level, and the teacher liaisons will share these with the virtual students. These interactions will vary by grade level, and planning these activities will begin when the staff return next week.

Will children on IEPs be able to receive their services in the virtual school?

Yes, children who receive special education services will be able to receive them remotely.

Are there teacher tutors available?

Several teachers have volunteered to serve as tutors for students in our virtual school. These arrangements will be made between the teacher and parent for each week's number of meetings and compensation. The sessions would happen outside the time of the regular school day.