

# SACRED HEART

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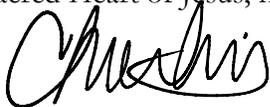
Good morning, and Happy St. Patrick's Day! I want to thank you for your patience and trust in us as we navigate these uncharted waters of school closure and distance learning. We are blessed at Sacred Heart of Jesus to have such dedicated and loving faculty, and I can assure you they are working hard to take care of your children during this uncertain time. Teachers collaborated yesterday on ways to implement instruction remotely, and the kindness and patience they showed while helping each other was incredibly encouraging.

Tomorrow will be the first day of distance learning and I know there will be some bumps along the way. As we progress through the week, we will learn ways to improve. Please know that your child's teacher will be available to you and your student through a combination of avenues; Google classroom, video, etc., but email will be the most efficient. Do not hesitate to ask them questions or have your child ask- whichever is appropriate for their age and grade level. It is important that you know the work your student will do over the next few weeks is not indicative of what they do in the classroom on a normal schedule. The work will be meaningful, but it is the minimum due to current circumstances. With children out of their daily routine, we know that it is unrealistic to expect them to work for 8 hours as they do here at school. Be assured the work they do will be reviewed and assessed on our return; it is important that your student keep up with assignments as scheduled. If you have any issues that may limit technology-based learning (internet access, computer/iPad, etc.), please let me know as soon as possible; I don't want your child to be behind before we start.

To maintain consistency across grade levels, you will receive an email at scheduled times each week with an attached assignment sheet, one for each of your students. The assignment sheet will be sent by your child's homeroom teacher by 9:00 am each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with the first one coming out tomorrow. I am including a copy of a blank assignment sheet for your reference. I am also sharing a reference page for you that includes all the ways your child's teacher will be assigning technology-based work. Don't forget to also watch for our virtual morning assembly each day.

Finally, I want you to know you are in my prayers daily. Please keep us in your prayers, too.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.



Cecilia Methvin