



# SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL

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Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus Families,

I pray this communication finds you well. I know that everyone is anxious to hear about our decisions as we move closer to the end of the school year and into the summer. I appreciate your patience. I have received more information from the Diocese and can speak to some of the end of school concerns I know you have. The information below is the most current information available, but please be reminded that things are changing daily, and as I am able, more definitive decisions will be made and shared with you.

### **School Closure:**

The Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools Office officially announced that all Catholic Schools will continue with teacher assisted distance learning through the end of this school year. Students will not be returning to classrooms. Please note that our official last day of school is May 22.

### **Classroom Clean-Up, Pick Up and Drop Off of Supplies:**

A date is to be determined on when you can pick up your student's classroom supplies, medications, etc. and drop off items belonging to the school.

### **Academics and Grades:**

As you know, our teachers have been working hard to ensure that assignments are meaningful and appropriate. Because of this, the grades being earned during this time will be valid. It is very important that your child complete the mandatory assignments and submit them appropriately. With that being said, I want you to know that we are also sensitive to the many varied circumstances our students are encountering right now. If there is a situation the teachers and administration need to be made aware of because it is affecting your child's classwork, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can work with you.

**\* Please be advised that these grading procedures apply only if ALL 4th quarter work is completed. If all work is not completed and little to no effort is shown, then the 4th quarter grade will stand for all grade levels.**

Our 4<sup>th</sup> nine week grading procedure is as follows:

<b>PK</b>	Many parts of end of the year assessments are done orally, one-on-one, therefore teachers are using 3rd quarter grades for 4th quarter grades.
<b>K</b>	Many parts of end of the year assessments are done orally, one-on-one; however, the skills that teachers were able to assess during distance learning will be recorded for the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter.

1-5	Teachers will be awarding 4th quarter grades based upon the grades earned in the 4th quarter (teacher assisted distance learning.) Then, the 3rd quarter grade and 4th quarter grade will be averaged for the final 4th quarter grade.
6-8	Teachers will be awarding 4th quarter grades. However, should the 3rd quarter grade be higher than the 4th quarter grade, it will be substituted. No Final Exams will be given; the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter and 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter grades will average for the Semester 2 grade.  Semester 1 grade and Semester 2 grade will average for the Final Year grade.
Enrichment	Teachers will be awarding 4th quarter grades: Music and Art- PK-8: S, N, or U PE- PK-5: S, N, or U PE earns letter grades in 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade.  Should the 3rd quarter grade be higher than the 4th quarter grade, it will be substituted.

**\*Remember, ALL work must be completed to receive the higher of the 3rd or 4th quarter grade. Otherwise, the 4th quarter grade will stand.**

#### **Finances and Enrollment:**

We understand that the Stay at Home Order has been emotionally stressful and for some, it has also been stressful financially. We don't want to lose any child/family due to financial worries. If you are experiencing financial hardship currently, or expect to in the future, please contact me to discuss your situation. You may email me at [cmethvin@sacredheartbr.com](mailto:cmethvin@sacredheartbr.com) to set up a time to conference via phone.

If you have NOT re-enrolled, but plan to return: Email me and Lisa Arnett, [larnett@sacredheartbr.com](mailto:larnett@sacredheartbr.com), ASAP to let us know if your child will return. We must have your information by Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We are still receiving applications for new students and staffing is dependent on our enrollment. We do not want you to lose your spot.

If you HAVE re-enrolled, but do not plan to return: Email me and Lisa Arnett, [larnett@sacredheartbr.com](mailto:larnett@sacredheartbr.com), ASAP to let us know by April 27<sup>th</sup>..

#### **School Supplies:**

School Supply lists and ordering information for the 2020-2021 school year will be sent to your email, as well as posted on the website in the next week.

#### **Summer Math, Reading, and IXL:**

Information about Summer Solutions Reading and Math books will be sent in the next week via email and posted on the school website. As we move closer to the end of the school year, teachers will provide more information on the Summer Solutions and IXL programs and how they can be used to help students prepare for the fall.

## **Athletics**

According to the Catholic Schools Athletic Association, Athletics will be moving forward in the fall at this time. If you have questions about Athletics, please contact Andrew Stephens at [astephens@sacredheartbr.com](mailto:astephens@sacredheartbr.com).

## **End of Year Events:**

Eighth Grade: At this point, I am not prepared to schedule virtual events for 8<sup>th</sup> graders in place of their live events. Depending on the information we receive from the Governor about how we will move forward once the Stay at Home Order is reevaluated next week, it is possible that some events could be held live, but in a modified format in the summer. As soon as we have more information, a decision will be made.

Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Closings: A virtual recognition of both classes will take place in May. The date is to be determined.

End of Year Awards: Our awards programs for 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held virtually on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am. More information will be communicated in May.

On a final note, I want to thank you for your unwavering support of the faculty, staff, and administration during this very difficult time. It is humbling to open my computer each day to see your kind emails and social media posts of appreciation. All of us are experiencing hardship on different levels right now, and you are in my prayers daily. I know that none of us could have imagined this end of school year scenario, but I truly feel connected to you all and know that we are in this together; I am proud to be a part of the Sacred Heart of Jesus community. I hope you will continue to reach out to me with your concerns and questions as we finish the last month of school and move into the summer.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.



Cecilia Methvin, Principal