



St. Augustine of Canterbury School

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Dear Parents and Families,

Today we took a final step in the educational learning that will be in place for the next few weeks. The day was quite successful. The teacher and administrative team designed plans and learning experiences that are in place and will be as time unfolds. The plans developed will ensure that quality learning continues and the days of school count towards the school calendar. You will learn more about the specific educational plans from your child's teachers, however, here are some answers to some questions you may have about remote learning:

- **How many hours will my child be expected to learn from home each day?**
- There is little guidance on this from the State or the Diocese at this time, however, we have planned for daily instruction to be 2- 4 hours per day.
- **Will my child's teacher communicate with me or my child while they are learning from home?**
 - We have developed the plan for two-way communication so that you will have access to school personnel throughout any school closures of this nature. This will include teachers and support staff through school e-mail.
- **Will attendance be taken if my child is learning from home?**
 - Attendance will be important and counted. The specifics on the mechanism of this will depend on your child's level, but all students will be expected to be "present" for learning.
- **How will you address specific programs like Comp Ed, Speech, In-Class Support?**
 - We have developed plans for these programs to continue remotely and teachers will communicate with students and families directly on Google Classroom and for Grs. K_2 on the remote learning assignment page.
- **How will the Music, Art, Physical Education, Technology and World Language communicate?**
- Each with the exception of Technology and Physical Education who have their own Google Classroom, will communicate via the website, "Remote Learning Assignments."
- **Are there more questions?**
 - As our plans unfold our teachers and I have many questions too. We have been in contact with our Superintendent of Schools of the Diocese of Metuchen and our Secretary of Education. As soon they are answered the teachers or I will be sharing the information with you.

We are embarking on uncharted waters walking in faith together asking God for His guidance, wisdom and patience. It is only day one and I miss the smiling faces and the happy little voices that

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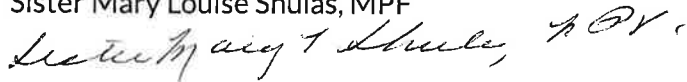


fill the hallways. Of course, I miss the sound of lockers closing and students asking one another about homework at the end of the day.

I would like to establish a little routine so each day I plan to have a short video to begin the day with prayers, announcements, birthdays and good news. So stay in touch "Tomorrow join me live on KTN." airing after Mass at 10 on our homepage of our website. If you have questions email me and I will get back to you as soon as possible. As a family pray the prayer from Bishop Checchio. It is so beautiful and perfect for this time in our lives. God bless you.

God Bless You and Stay Well. Let us continue to pray with one another.

Sister Mary Louise Shulas, MPF



CREDIBLE RESOURCES

If you have a question about the school, I strongly encourage you to **AVOID social media** and instead read our communications. If you still have questions, please email the person best suited to respond and always start with your child's teacher if appropriate.

- The information on social media is far more often incorrect, than correct and using that as your primary source of information about school matters could be detrimental, misleading and ultimately could cause confusion that will impact decisions.
- The school will keep you updated on school matters, but the CDC or NJDOH are places to frequent if you want up to date guidance from credible sources:
 - Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>
 - Visit the New Jersey Department of Health website at <https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>
 - If the public has questions, they should contact the call center: 1-800-222-1222 or 1-800-962-1253.