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Questions & Answers

1. What subjects will be taught to my child?

Elementary school:

- Math
- Language Arts
- Bible (part of morning meetings)
- Alternate between Science and Social Studies

Middle and High School:

- Math
- English
- Science
- History
- Bible
- PE
- Spanish/ASL

2. What will my child's daily schedule look like?

Elementary school: Students will start with an 8:30AM morning meeting with their teachers. This meeting will be facilitated via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting will be to start the day with prayer, check in with students, set expectations for the day, and to answer questions. A Math block has been scheduled daily for 9:00-9:50. Classroom teachers will use the time from 10am to noon-ish to work on Language Arts, Social Studies and Science. Students may receive independent reading and writing assignments to complete after lunch.

Middle and High School: Students will follow their regular schedule, with the exception of Chapel, Advisory groups, and Friday afternoon electives. There will be a check-in, instruction and independent work time.

****Middle and High School teachers:** One email will be sent from the Middle and High School lead teacher to address middle and high school related issues.

3. What if my child cannot join the live sessions at the scheduled times?

All instruction sessions will be recorded. The video links will be shared with students and parents. Students may watch these recordings at a time that works best for them.

4. What if we have only one device which needs to be shared between more than one child?

We will let you as a family decide how to handle this. Our suggestion is to allow children to take turns connecting to live sessions. All sessions will be recorded and available to watch at a later time.

5. Which online platforms will be used?

JK-3L: Zoom & SeeSaw: (not including 3rd grade)

3rd-5th: Zoom & Google Classroom

6th -9th: Zoom & RenWeb

Other digital resources may be used, and will be communicated to parents by individual teachers.

6. Is assigned work compulsory to complete?

No, but it is highly encouraged.

7. Will assignments, quizzes and tests be graded?

Only when appropriate. Completion grades will be assigned, if necessary.

8. Is attendance to live Zoom sessions compulsory?

No, but it is highly encouraged.

9. Will my child be behind if they do not complete the assigned work?

Every effort will be made to get your child caught up, but this cannot be guaranteed. It also depends on how long it will take before students can return to school.

10. How will quizzes and tests be handled?

Quizzes and tests will be sent home via SeeSaw, Google Classroom, RenWeb or email. These will be completed at home and sent back to the teacher. Exploros (WW Online) will be used by middle and high school teachers.

11. How long will live instruction sessions be?

Elementary school: We are hoping for students to be connected to the classroom from 8:30 to noon-ish. This time will be filled with mini lessons and independent work.

Students will have access to their teachers during this time via their Zoom connections and/or email.

Middle and High School: Students will follow their regular schedule. They will connect via Zoom with their subject teachers. I think we need to put a realistic expectation on this so parents don't expect we are necessarily online for 1.5 hours. My computer got very warm during the meeting today. Also, could we add something like "Some teachers will end the Zoom Meeting after the instruction time, but be available by email during the independent work time."

12. For how long will we continue with this distanced-learning?

Week 1: Week of March 16- Academic work has already been provided.

Week 2: Week of March 23- Zoom Instruction will start

Week 3: Week of March 30- Spring Break Week- No Online School

Week 4: Online instruction on Monday-Tuesday, April 6 &7, and we will hopefully be back at school on April 8. Be prepared to continue with distanced-instruction if needed.

13. Zoom Test sessions

Teachers will be hosting two Zoom test sessions this week. More information will be provided by your child's classroom (elementary school) teacher or middle and high school lead teachers.

- Thursday 3/19
- Friday 3/20

14. When will Spring Break be?

Week 3: Week of March 30: Spring Break Week- No Online School

15. When are we hoping to return to school again?

We will hopefully be back at school on April 8. Be prepared to continue with distanced-instruction if needed.

16. Will co-curricular subjects still be taught? Elementary School Only

No, but Spanish, Music and Art will be sending work packets home via email each week. Again, completing these packets is optional, but highly encouraged.

17. Will all lessons be taught through a live streaming feed?

Elementary Only:

We will start live instruction during the week of March 23, for 3 days.

Monday, March 23

Wednesday, March 25

Friday, March 27

Pre-recorded videos will be posted on Tuesday, March 24 and Thursday, March 26. Teachers will be available on email on these two days to answer questions and to provide support.

Live morning meetings will be offered daily from 8:30-9:00 via Zoom. (Elementary school only)

Live Zoom instruction will be increased to 4 days a week, and then 5 days a week, if we do not return to school on April 8.

18. Will homework in addition be assigned?

No

Please note that middle and high school teachers may post their assignments on RenWeb to help students track their assignments and tests.

19. Learning Platform Information

Detailed information regarding Zoom, SeeSaw and Google Classroom will be sent from the administration no later than Wednesday, March 18.

Classroom and subject teachers will be communicating with you regarding other in-class digital resources, such as Khan Academy and ThinkCentral.

20. Do I need to create accounts/logins for my child(ren)

This might be necessary. More information will follow.

21. What if I experience technical difficulties?

Tutorials for the digital platforms will be sent to you in a separate email. Mr. Neal will also be working closely with the teachers to address any issues.