



April 27, 2020

Hello St. Edward Families,

This is WEEK SIX of Online Learning at St. Edward Parish School. We have been teaching since March 16th! Teachers are using a variety of online tools for presentation and collection of work. **Teachers are also hosting ZOOM meetings which are mandatory for students to attend**. These are PERFECT opportunities for teachers to answer “live” questions from students, go over content and assess students learning. Zoom can be done on computers and smart phones alike.

This week, Teachers will be sending **Third Trimester Progress Reports** home through email updating you on all the assignments they have received from your child *as well as the number of assignments missing*. *There is still time for you children to get caught up*. Please, please reach out to your children’s teacher immediately if you have any questions or needs. We are trying our best to mitigate any obstacles your family may have in online learning so that your child is ready for all the academic challenges presented in the next school year! Our Final Report cards will be a combination of grades, as typical, and an anecdotal message of your child’s participation rate in all that was offered academically during this pandemic. These will be sent along to your child’s new school next year as part of their transcript request.

The staff meets every Tuesday on ZOOM to discuss updates from the Governor, the WA State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Office of Catholic Schools. We also discuss YOUR CHILDREN and any concerns we have with participation, work submission and assessment of your child’s learning towards the WA State Curriculum Standards. I am humbled by all the EXTRA hours of work our teachers have put in to support your children. They, too, are trying to balance work and family life from home just like you! **We are so very proud of the students and parents who are working with us daily to ensure their students are on track with learning! PARENT SUPPORT is the number 1 ingredient for children’s success at school!**

The teachers asked me to relay some key information to you!

1. Our School Office is open Monday-Wednesday from 11:00 a.n.-1:00 p.m. for parents to pick up any books, instructional supplies or a chrome book that students may need. **We ask parents to make arrangements with their child’s teacher first, before coming to school, so that we can ensure the required material is set on the table ready for pick up.** For the protection of all against COVID-19, we ask that parents come alone and wear a mask upon entering the building.

Monday	Mrs. Wingard will answer the door.
Tuesday	Mrs. Reyes will answer the door.
Wednesday	Mrs. Parker will answer the door.

2. **ZOOM meetings are mandatory!** We are asking all students to attend the weekly scheduled ZOOM meetings. Teachers will be taking attendance to verify one aspect of participation in learning by your child. Zooming can be done through a computer or smart phone!
3. Sister Maria is asking all students in 1st/2nd grade to come pick up their Religion book this week.
4. Coach McKenzie has MUSIC/PE packets for 3rd grade and up and drumsticks for 5th grade and up at the main office for pick up.

Fr. Scott is live streaming an All School MAY DAY Mass on Friday, May 1st from St. Paul church at 9:30 a.m. for all the students from St. George, St. Edward and St. Paul. The link to Mass can be found at <https://www.stedwardparish.net>.

FINANCES: In terms of the 19-20 school budget, Father Scott stated, “*We are committed to paying our staff for their work this year as defined by their covenants and promised by us.*” They are contracted for 188 days of work though we divide their pay over 12 months. **They have not missed a day of work since March 16th!** Tuition income is the main source of revenue for those salaries AND our other school expenses. It is imperative that each family hold up to their commitments, too.

Tuition: June 20, 2020 is our last tuition draw for all our families through FACTS. **All outstanding tuition must be paid by cash or credit card payment by June 20, 2020.**

\$600 Fundraising commitment still stands: Lucky for us, we already held our two of our three major fundraisers: the *Jogathon* and *Raffle Tickets*. K-8 families who made donations to the April auction **were required to turn in a Procurement form to get credit for those.** We will still give you credit for that donation if we have your form. The business office will determine your balance.

Service Hours: Because of the quarantine, we are adjusting K-8 families’ mandatory service to 30 hours for the year instead of 40 (15 instead of 20 for single parents). You will be billed for the hours not served.

The business office will be sending Invoices for unpaid balances for your Fundraising and Service Hours Commitment in early May. Those payments are due by May 31, 2020 with cash or credit card payments.

All Tuition, Fundraising and Service Hours commitments must be PAID IN FULL before student transcripts will be released to your child’s new school.

Let’s work together: parents, students and teachers, to ensure all the students are academically prepared for the challenges that are heading their way next fall in their new classrooms!

Most sincerely,
Monica Wingard