



May 26, 2020

Dear St. Edward Families,

We are coming to the finish line! This has been a huge transition and overwhelming eleven weeks for all of us! Every person is ready for a break from distance learning, and is antsy for more social movement in their lives.

On behalf of all the teachers, I want to send our sincere gratitude for your GRACE and understanding for all the ways the staff worked to support children in distance learning. Our transition happened overnight, and it was a huge learning curve for all of us. We had a participation rate with over 65% of our students/families staying on track with assignments and participating in ZOOM meetings! The teachers worked hard to be flexible and supportive through extended availability day and evenings. Every family had different needs, and every child needed different support systems. A special **SHOUT OUT to the parents of the younger students** who helped with technology and student oversight of work done at home daily. The balancing act of work/school/home life/social distancing was HUGE, and exhausting. I am so proud of how hard families, students and staff worked together.

As we approach the end of the school year, **the following procedures explain how we will wrap up the school year while following guidelines from the CDC and the Governor's mandate in terms of social distancing.**

- **The 8th grade Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated online Sunday, June 7th at the 9:30 parish Mass.** Father Scott will be honoring the 8th graders as well as our parishes' high school and college seniors. We invite the whole community to join us in prayer at Mass. Go to <https://www.stedwardparish.net/> for the link.
- St. Edward 8th Grade Graduation will be held via ZOOM for those families on Sunday June 7th. I ask that you keep these graduates in your prayers. The culmination activities for graduations across the world are amongst many things that have had to be redesigned and there is sadness in what was lost, yet, the joy and love we feel for the kids continues as we make these celebratory plans.
- **All new instruction ends on Thursday, June 4, 2020. Students finish submitting final work on June 5th.** The teachers will host closure activities June 8th and 9th with their students.

- We organized **Instructional Supplies COLLECTION DAYS** that follow CDC social distancing protocols. Because we have over 64 families, we needed to divide up the days according to last name. *We ask all families to respect that schedule.*

All items will be collected by a staff member at the curb at the **main entrance South Mead Street**. Inside the school hall, the teachers will stage any items left behind by students.

Day	Families' Last Names
Wednesday, June 10 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	A-G
Thursday, June 11 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	H-Q
Friday June 12 th 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	R-Z

How can you help?

- **Each family is to send ONE adult on their assigned day to drop off the students' school supplies. That person must wear a mask around staff members.** We are asking each child to place all of his/her textbooks, school owned instructional supplies, Chromebook and cord, musical instruments and CYO uniforms in a **BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAG** with his/her name written across it. *Any hard copy work that needs to be submitted will be turned in then, too.*
- Any necessary paperwork/payments for the office needs to be sealed in a marked envelope with the family's name and instructions on to whom the envelope is for.
- Drive to the **MAIN ENTRANCE DOOR** on your scheduled day. We will meet you on the curb.
- Give us your paper bags of supplies
- Let us know what you need to grab.
- Drive off!

During June 15-25, the teachers will inventory all schools supplies, finish grading assignments and complete report cards. The office staff will finalize all business accounts. Once everything is accounted for, report cards will be mailed out on June 26th. Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,

Monica Wingard