

Dear Parents,

We are excited to begin engaging with our students tomorrow to get them back on the road to learning. This is obviously a new process for all of us, but one thing I want to be clear about is that daily e-learning will be a requirement for all St. Cajetan students. As we described in our communications to you last week, our teachers will be assigning work by 8 a.m. each day and students will be expected to submit that completed work by 10 p.m. that evening.

As you may have heard from Governor Pritzker and other officials, this level of e-learning may not be required for every student in Illinois, largely because not all of the children in our state have access to the technology that makes learning like this possible. This is an area where we can count our blessings. Our students are capable of continuing their learning each day with the help of technology and the support of their teachers, who will be working alongside them throughout this process.

Here are a few details that should make you a little more comfortable with beginning this journey tomorrow. We thoroughly understand parents being nervous about guiding their children's learning plan but remember we are all in this together and will work hand-in-hand to pull each other through.

E-LEARNING

- Children do not need to check- in by 8:00 am. We have left the learning schedule open to parents to develop so that your household can be completely flexible.
- Teachers will be at their computers from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. to answer questions. We ask that you give them a grace period of 30 minutes to respond to questions, as some have up to 120 students in their care.
- The initial work assigned by our teachers should be additional practice of skills that have been covered in class already. Your children will have had previous exposure to these concepts, which should allow them to work fairly independently.
- For new learning concepts, we have asked our teachers to push out learning videos aligned to those lessons wherever possible. This will allow our kids to receive instruction prior to being asked to complete a new task.
- Our expectation is that each day, St.Cajetan students will complete work that reflects their best effort, just as they would if they were physically present in the classroom.

LUNCH

- All hot lunch orders will be credited for the next two weeks. I have already completed the first week of credits and the second week will be completed by Wednesday, March 18.
- The Fun Lunch that was scheduled for this week will be postponed to a later date.

OTHER

- All Field Trips will be postponed or cancelled, depending on the cancellation requirements. If a trip is cancelled, a refund will be provided via your Smart Tuition account. Homeroom teachers will email details on this directly to our families.

We thank you for your patience and support as we work to make sure that our students continue learning during such an unprecedented time in our country. We will continue to update you

regularly as things evolve, all while praying that our St. Cajetan community remains safe and healthy during this challenging time.