



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER January 3, 2021

Dear Families –

Happy New Year! While we are remote learning for the next 4 days (January 5 – 8), we look forward to seeing all of our smiling Shamrocks back on Monday, January 11th. We will have “packet pick-up” on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 5:30 pm, but it will not include all grades. Some grades were able to get packets ready/laptops ready when we left on December 21<sup>st</sup>, but others were not. (We had some copy machines issues, etc.) I will communicate packet pick-up information by Monday, mid-morning.

As we prepare to return to in-person learning next week, there are a few things that I want to communicate to assist with better understanding of expectations.

- For our 7th and 8th grade students, we will continue to do Google Meets when we have students out. We highly encourage students that are not in attendance to login. Teachers will follow-up with parents the first day the student is out, if the student is not online. **However, it is the responsibility of the student to join in and the teachers will not contact parents each day if their child is not participating.** Students will login using the Google Classroom link beginning in January – there will not be an email invitation sent as we have done in the past.
- For our 7th and 8th grade students, we will have two different schedules since we are providing asynchronous learning. We will follow **an A/B schedule** if the **ENTIRE** 7th and 8th grades or entire school are remote. If we are doing Google Meets for **ONLY** 7th, **ONLY** 8th, or for remote/quarantined students – then the Google Meets will follow the **regular DAILY schedule** as if the students are present in the classroom. Each homeroom teacher will have their own Google Meet classroom link
- When parents request remote learning, please remember it is for the **entire quarter**. While you may choose to go out at any time, it is not **OPTIONAL** as to when you can return. Please take care in requesting this option, as you will continue in this manner until the end of the quarter.
- Please remember, we do not have staff for both in-person and remote learning. We feel that “remote learning” model while we are “in-school” does not represent the quality education we pride ourselves in delivering. If students must quarantine, teachers will provide as much support as they are able, given their primary responsibility is teaching their class of students in the building. To date, our teachers have done a remarkable job trying to balance instruction both in-person and in some cases, virtually. This is quite an undertaking that needs to be acknowledged as this effort is over and above what is manageable while also adding safety precautions. To say they have done a tremendous job is an understatement!

**Confirmation Dates:** We have rescheduled our confirmation celebrations during Catholic Schools Week. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade will receive their confirmation on Tuesday, February 2 at 6:00 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will receive their confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion on Thursday, February 4 at 6:00 pm. Please mark your calendars. I have updated the Jan/Feb calendar to include those dates.

**Loose Change for Lockers Update:** Shout outs to those that continued to donate to our “Loose Change for Lockers” initiative. We made a lot of progress towards our goal the last week. We were still shy of our goal, but through a generous donation from Jerome and Joanie (Schone) Themig, we have met our goal and the lockers are paid for. Thank you for your contributions.

**Hog Raffle Winners:** Congratulations to Dolores Dempsey (ticket sold by Britni Dillard) and Jenny Chandler (ticket sold by Brianne Rogers) for each winning a ½ a hog with the athletic department fundraiser. Also, thank you to the KC Hall for this donation.

**Report Cards:** Report cards will be coming home on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, since we will be in remote learning on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Please check TeacherEase to see if your child is missing any assignments, especially if they were on remote learning at the end of December.

With Shamrock Blessings,

Mrs. Stevie VanDeVelde

**Dates to Remember:**

January 5 – Students return to school – remote learning Jan 5 – Jan 8  
January 6 – Parent Club – Pack the Place via online/carry out at Leo’s Pizza  
January 11 – Report Cards go home  
January 10 – Sacramental Prep meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 11:30 pm at the church – **Note time change**  
January 13 – Parent Club meeting – 6 pm - contact Jeanne Hanson for Zoom link  
January 14 – Advisory Board meeting – 6 pm  
January 18 – MLK Day – no school  
January 20 – 21 – Pre-K P/T conferences – no after school care for Pre-K on those 2 days  
January 22 – No Pre-K  
January 31 – February 6 – CSW  
February 1 – 5 – ACRE testing for 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades  
February 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation – 6 pm  
February 3 – Parent Club Pack the Place with online/carry out orders at Leo’s  
February 4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion – 6 pm  
February 8 – StuCo Souper Bowl – more information to follow  
February 10 – Parent Club – 6 pm  
February 11 – Advisory Board – 6 pm  
February 11 – No PM bus  
February 12 – Red/White/Pink Day  
February 12 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade placement test for RCHS  
February 12 – No JSD117 Bus Service for AM and PM  
February 15 – President’s Day – no School  
February 16 and 18 – Scheduled tours for New and Prospective Families  
February 17 – Early Registration begins  
February 19 – Spirit Wear Day  
March 29, 30, 31 – No Bus Service for AM and PM  
April 1 – No Bus Service for AM and PM  
May 14 – No PM Bus Service  
May 26 – No JSD117 Bus Service for AM and PM