

April 2, 2020

Dear OLW Families:

With the extension of school closures through the end of the month of April, the teachers, staff, and I continue to work to understand what it means to be a teacher and a student remotely. Thank you so much to everyone for their patience and support as we continue to work to make the best of this situation. We hope you know how committed we are to all of you and to our students that we miss so dearly!

E-Learning/Remote Learning - What's NEW starting on April 6th.

One new thing we will be incorporating into our calendar are Remote Planning Days. The Illinois School Board of Education and Office of Catholic Schools realize that teachers need a little more time to reflect on current remote teaching practices and adapt. To provide that time schools may take up to five Remote Planning Days. These days, like all of the remote learning days, do not need to be made up at the end of the year. Our first Remote Planning Day will be Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Each week I will continue to update you on the evolution of e-learning/remote learning and to summarize what is new each week.

While meeting as a class via ZOOM will never be the perfect substitute for being in a real classroom, we hope that parents will help remind students that Zoom class time is still class time. Students should always be school appropriate and they should act in the same respectful way they would in the classroom.

Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - An email will be coming from me with a list of suggested activities and videos from the specials teachers for students in grades K-4. These are ideas to help enrich your day throughout the week. They are not required but we hope that you will give some of them a chance. The teachers have been working hard to pull these resources together.

Students in grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will continue to receive specials assignments via google classroom and should work to complete those tasks to the best of their ability. All specials assignments from 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> are meant to be completed and submitted to the teacher.

Upcoming Dates:

April 6<sup>th</sup> - E-Learning/Remote Learning

April 7<sup>th</sup> - E-learning/Remote Learning

April 8<sup>th</sup> - E-Learning/Remote Learning

April 9<sup>th</sup> - Remote Planning Day for Teachers - no new assignments for students

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday - No School

April 13<sup>th</sup> - E-Learning/Remote Learning will resume. This will no longer be a day off as originally designated on the school calendar.

In case you missed it....

The following letter was distributed from Dr. Rigg, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Chicago, on Tuesday. In case you did not receive it, please check out the link below.

<https://us1.campaign-archive.com/?e=&u=a09fbf4d2497886d386e21d4b&id=04877c912f>

### Cancellations

With the school closure continuing through the month of April, all of the April special events are cancelled. We still hope to hold some of the cancelled events. Unfortunately, it is difficult to predict how many events and when until we have a better idea of when school will officially reopen.

The most recent cancellations include:

Chipotle Supper Club – April 15<sup>th</sup>

Fine Arts Night – April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Spring Fling – April 24<sup>th</sup>

As the weather begins to improve, please continue to emphasize the importance of practicing social distancing while playing outdoors. We want everyone to remain safe and healthy! Please continue to pray for all those impacted by the COVID-19 and all of the essential workers putting themselves at risk each day.

Sincerely,  
Mr. David Wood