

ST. FRANCIS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

November 16, 2020

Dear St. Francis Cathedral School Parents and Guardians,

As previously announced, the Diocese of Metuchen has deemed the week after Thanksgiving, Monday, Nov. 30th – Friday, Dec. 4th, a “distance learning week” in all diocesan schools to mitigate possible COVID exposures during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Attached is the Zoom schedule for students in grades PreK 3 – 8th. Please review it carefully with your child so they understand when to be on Zoom. Please note that all students have a half day on Friday, Dec. 4th.

- Grades PreK – 3rd will access their homeroom teachers Zoom link which is posted on Google Classroom.
- Grades 4 and 5 need to access both of their teacher’s Zoom links posted on the teachers’ Google Classroom.
- Grades 6 – 8 access each middle school teachers’ Zoom link posted on Google Classroom.
- Kindergarten – 8th grade students will also need to access each special teachers’ Zoom link at the scheduled time. The links are posted on the teacher’s Google Classroom.

Please remember that students may have assignments and homework to do when not on Zoom.

To prepare for distance learning, students in Kindergarten – 8th grade will take the books needed for that week home during the three days before Thanksgiving, Nov. 23rd – 25th. Teachers will send a few books home each day so as not to overload students.

Families who will need to borrow a device for that week are to email our tech coordinator, Mr. Litwa (*email address provided in recent Constant Contact*) no later than Nov.20th. Please include your child’s name and classroom in the email. Mr. Litwa will schedule a day for you to pick-up the device. If you are having tech issues during our distance learning week, please email Mr. Litwa or call the school at 732-548-3107.

Bishop Checchio declared Monday, Dec. 7th, a Bishop’s holiday, meaning SFCS will be closed that day – no distance learning or in-school instruction. We will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Grades 2 and 3 will attend Mass in the cathedral at 9:30am. The rest of the school will attend the Mass via livestream.

Thank you for your assistance to ensure our students continue instruction.

Regards,
Mrs. Major

Virtual Learning Schedule for week of 11/30-12/4

Pre K through Grade 8

Monday, November 30 through Thursday, December 3 are full days of school for Kindergarten through eighth grade. Friday is a scheduled half day. See the schedule below for details.

Grades K-1

7:50-8:00	Homeroom check in
8:00-9:00	Language Arts
9:00-9:30	Snack Break/Stretch Break
9:30-10:00	Specials (KA, KB, KC)/Teacher Hours (KD, 1A, 1B)
10:00-10:30	Specials (KD, 1A, 1B)/Teacher Hours (KA, KB, KC)
10:30-11:30	Math
11:30-12:30	Lunch **
12:30-1:15	Religion **
1:15-2:00	Social Studies/Science **

Specials	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
9:30 KA	Gym	Art	Library	Computer	Music
9:30 KB	Music	Gym	Art	Library	Computer
9:30 KC	Computer	Music	Gym	Art	Library
10:00 KD	Gym	Art	Library	Computer	Music
10:00 1A	Music	Gym	Art	Library	Computer
10:00 1B	Computer	Music	Gym	Art	Library

****Friday is half day and school ends after Math at 11:30 am**

Grades 2-3

7:50-8:00	Homeroom check in
8:00-9:00	Language Arts
9:00-10:00	Math
10:00-10:30	Break/Snack/Stretch
10:30-11:00	Specials (2A, 2B)/Teacher hours (3A, 3B)
11:00-11:30	Specials (3A, 3B)/Teacher hours (2A, 2B)
11:30-12:30	Lunch **
12:30-1:15	Social Studies/Science **
1:15 – 2:00	Religion **

Specials	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
10:30 2A	Gym	Art	Library	Computer	Music
10:30 2B	Music	Gym	Art	Library	Computer
11:00 3A	Computer	Spanish	Gym	Art	Library
11:00 3B	Gym	Art	Library	Spanish	Computer

****Friday is half day and school ends after specials at 11:30 am**

Grades 4-5

7:50-8:00	Homeroom check in
8:00-9:00	B class Math/A class Language Arts
9:00-10:00	B class Language Arts/A class Math
10:00-11:00	B class Social Studies/A class Science and Religion
11:00-12:00	Lunch **
12:00-12:30	Specials (4A, 4B)/Teacher Hours (5A, 5B) **
12:30-1:00	Specials (5A, 5B)/Teacher Hours (4A, 4B) **
1:00-2:00	B class Science and Religion/A class Social Studies **

Specials	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
12:00 pm 4A	Gym	Art	Computers	Spanish
12:00 pm 4B	Computers	Spanish	Art	Library
12:30 pm 5A	Independent	Gym	Computers	Spanish
12:30 pm 5B	Independent	Spanish	Library	Computers

**** Friday is a half day of school. In place of the scheduled lunch period, B class will attend Science and Religion and A class will attend Social Studies. School will end after that class at 12 noon.**

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Middle School

	HR	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Lunch **	Period 5 **	Period 6 **	Period 7
	7:50-8:00	8:00-8:45	8:45-9:30	9:30-10:15	10:15-11:00	11:00-11:45	11:45-12:30	12:30-1:15	1:15-2:00
6A	6A	Religion	SS	Math	Science	Lunch and recess	LA	LA	Mon-Thurs specials/Fri is a half day.
6B	6B	SS	Religion	Science	Math		LA	LA	
7A	7A	Math	Science	LA	LA		Religion	SS	
7B	7B	Science	Math	LA	LA		SS	Religion	
8A	8A	LA	LA	Religion	SS		Science	Math	
8B	8B	LA	LA	SS	Religion		Math	Science	

PERIOD 7	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Grade 6	computers	Art	Gym	Spanish
Grade 7	Gym	Spanish	Art	Computers
Grade 8	None	Spanish * Gym	Computers	Art

**** Friday is a half day of school. Students will attend homeroom and periods 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (skipping lunch) ending school at 11:45 am**

Pre-K 4: 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

8:00	Table Toys
8:15	Reading/Story time
8:35	Circle Time
9:05	Go Noodle/Break
9:15	Language Arts/Projects
10:00	Snack
10:20	Math
10:45	Break
10:55	Religion
11:10	Center Time
11:45	Closing Activities



Pre-K 3 8:30 am- 11:00 am

8:30-8:50	Morning Activity
8:50-9:30	Circle/Morning Meeting
9:30-10:00	Snack
10:00-10:30	Craft and activity, centers
10:30-10:50	Gross motor activity
10:50-11:00	Story Time and prayers