



Monday, March 16, 2020

Dear Mercy Parents,

In order to follow the protocol recommended by the Governor for public schools and the protocol recommended by the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Our Lady of Mercy is moving to a distance learning platform beginning Wednesday, March 18 and will resume classes on campus Monday, April 20. We will recognize spring break as originally scheduled on the school calendar from April 10 - April 19. No distance learning will take place during the designated spring break.

The administration and technology staff of Our Lady of Mercy have created a distance learning plan that ensures all students receive instruction that is both enriching and rigorous. In order to maintain academic growth, the objective of our distance learning plan is to engage each student in the learning standards of each subject.

Today, our faculty met to discuss expectations for the distance learning plan. Teachers are spending this time planning their instruction. Distance learning education for all students will begin on Wednesday, March 18. Our expectation is that teachers will have assignments for the day posted by 8:00 a.m each day. Students are expected to complete and submit assignments as indicated by teachers. Little Saints, Pre-K and Kindergarten will post through Bloomz. First through 5th grades will be posted through SeeSaw. Middle School will continue to use Google Classroom. Attached to this email are specific directions for each of those platforms as well as how we will take attendance.

We want to assure both parents and students that this distance learning plan is one that all families will be able to navigate easily. Our teachers will work with all students and

parents to ensure their success and maintain the personal attention that students experience at school.

During this time, the campus will remain open. Administrators, office support staff, and finance offices will be on site from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon each day. If parents need to pick up medication, our school nurse will be on campus this week during office hours. All school events, including athletic practices and competitions are either cancelled or postponed. Report Card distribution for the third quarter will happen through email this week.

We appreciate the support of our entire school community as we navigate through this unprecedented time. We know that there are many of you who are anxious about this process. Rest assured that the administration and faculty will do everything possible to ensure that our students are cared for and nurtured just as if they were at school. Parents are encouraged to contact our administration or school with any concerns.

[Mercy Parent Guide to Distance Learning](#)

God Bless,

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