

March 29, 2020

Dear SJV Parents/Guardians,

I hope that this email update finds you and all of your loved ones healthy and safe. I want to thank all of the members of the SJV family for their patience as we move through these unprecedented and uncertain times.

As we move past the first two weeks of the State's ordered mandate of school closures, I wanted to briefly review what has been happening and mention additional things that will begin the week of March 30, 2020.

Over the past two weeks:

- *The school has been running on an A/B schedule of virtual classes. On "A" days the students are receiving lessons from his/her blocks 1 and 2 teachers. On "B" days the students are receiving lessons from his/her blocks 4 and 5 teachers. The virtual lessons are being delivered in a variety of methods that the SJV staff have been trained in. Students can communicate with their teachers by email or through video conferences.*
- *Technology help is available twice per week. There is a drop off and pick up set up at the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9-11 AM at door 18. Check previous emails for the sign up procedures. Mr. Scoles is also diagnosing and fixing tech issues over email.*
- *The Administration is sending daily prayer reflections and pertinent information to the students through Canvas.*
- *The Administration has bi-weekly virtual meetings with the faculty, by departments, to discuss students and teacher progress with virtual learning.*
- *The Administration has weekly virtual conferences with the Guidance Office.*
- *Mr. Struble, our Student Assistance Counselor, has been actively emailing students who need emotional guidance through this period. If assistance is needed, please email Mr. Struble.*
- *Mrs. Kane and Guidance have arranged for student to student virtual tutoring. If your child is in need of tutoring service, please email Mrs. Kane or your child's guidance counselor.*
- *The Admissions Office and Student Activities Office have sent out daily requests for students to participate in SJV social media.*
- *College Board has released information about at-home testing for AP tests. More information will be released on April 3, 2020.*
- *The end of Marking Period 3 has been moved to April 6, 2020. Grades will be posted on Wednesday, April 8, 2020.*
- *The Administration has informed the senior class that we intend on holding the end of the year celebrations even if the dates and venues must be altered.*
- *Many of the teachers, administrative staff, and administrators are taking advantage of free on-line professional seminars focusing on their areas of responsibilities.*

As we move into the third week of a virtual school **you will be receiving more information on the following:**

- *Beginning Monday, March 30, 2020, Guidance will have virtual office hours. Students can contact their counselor for a call between 9-11 AM. SAT preparation sites and information will be sent to parents and students.*
- *Canvas conferencing will begin the week of March 30, 2020. We highly recommend that all students participate in the scheduled conferences for each of their courses.*
- *The Administrative Staff will begin calling students to recognize them for academic efforts during the virtual learning.*

As events continue to unfold, the Administration is in constant contact with the Diocese of Trenton and all pertinent State officials. I want to thank the **entire school community** for the extraordinary efforts everyone is making during these times. I want to especially recognize Mrs. Kane, Mr. Lamberson, and the entire Technology Department for their tireless efforts to keep the Mission of the Saint John Vianney community at the forefront off all that they do.

As we navigate our way through these next several weeks, I ask for your continued patience and I pray that everyone stays healthy and safe.

Sincerely in Christ,

The SJVHS Administrative Team