



April 24, 2020

When the campus closed more than five weeks ago on March 16, SJB continued to foster academic learning and spiritual development.

Our aim was – and remains -- to do our very best for our students *and* our families.

We get better each week at distance education because we don't stop asking how we can improve. Our biggest challenge is that students must do their learning *at home*, and each family has a unique situation.

We may meet your needs in some ways, and we may meet the needs of another family in other ways. We remain grateful for your patience, understanding, and grace in a confusing period of time.

We've approached distant education in phases.

- In phase 1, we planned for the physical closure of the school and the launch of online, distance education with an emphasis on providing enrichment learning and establishing communication and assignment/submission procedures.
- As we moved into phase 2 at the start of April, we gradually increased online instruction and class meetings as well as assessment of student work.
- In phase 3, we improve communication with a single online schedule for each grade, provide recorded video instruction followed by online classes, assess to ensure that students are meeting grade-level standards, simplify scoring and 4th quarter grading.

Simplified Grades

Grades	Grades on 4 th Quarter Assignments/Assessments	4 th Quarter Grades Report Card	Final Grades Report Card
PK-3	Met – standard achieved Revise – try again Incomplete – not submitted	Standards-based report card Exceeds Expectations Meets Expectations Approaches Expectations <i>Incomplete</i> instead of <i>NE</i> No marks Social Skills/Work Habits	Standards--based report card
4-8	Met – standard achieved Revise – try again Incomplete – not submitted	Pass or Incomplete	Average of Quarters 1-3

Standardized testing scheduled for Spring 2020 has been cancelled. This includes Scantron testing in reading, math, and science as well as the Faith Knowledge Assessment.



The Hope That Cannot Be Taken

Pope Francis compares our ongoing experience to the “atmosphere of pain and uncertainty” that the disciples felt after Jesus was crucified. “Who will roll away the stone” from the tomb? [Pope Francis asks](#) in an article in America.

For some, the stone buries all hope. For others, the stone is an obstacle than can be overcome by “being and accompanying.”

Pope Francis asks that we draw inspiration from those who overcome by “being and accompanying” including “doctors, nurses, people stocking the supermarket shelves, cleaners, caretakers, people who transport goods, public security officials, volunteers, priests, women religious, grandparents, teachers, and so many others.”

I will add a few to the Pope’s list: mothers, fathers, sons, daughters.

“We are not alone. The Lord goes before us on our journey and removes the stones that paralyze us,” Pope Francis says. This is the hope that no one can take from us.

Prayers for Dr. Schooley, Grandfather of Aidan and Quinn Langan

We lost Dr. James Schooley on April 18, 2020. Known as “Pop Pop” to Riley (SJB 2018), Aidan (8th) and Quinn (6th), he leaves behind his wife Mary Alice after 67 years of marriage, 6 living children, 13 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. Dr. Schooley was a renowned scientist retired from NIST and also a devout Hoosier basketball fan who had the privilege of participating on the 1953 NCAA championship team. No services can be planned at this time, but he will be honored at a memorial at a later date. We appreciate your support as we move forward without him. Dr. Schooley is father of Mrs. Kathleen (Schooley) Langan. We pray for Dr. Schooley, Mrs. Schooley, Mrs. Langan, and their family.

Drive-By-Drop-Off Food Drive for St. Camillus Food Pantry and Manna Food Center

As many of you know, the food stocks of St. Camillus and Manna Food Center are getting very low in light of the needs of people in our community struggling financially with the shutdowns coupled with the inability for people to collect/drop-off donations. The SJB Knights of Columbus will have a food drive on Saturday, April 25, from 9 am to 12 noon in front of the Lyon Center near the school playground.

All CDC social distancing guidelines will be followed.

If you are unable to leave your home or provide food, but would like to help, you can send a donation to <https://www.paypal.me/KofCCouncil11106Food> and these funds will be used to purchase food items. All donations will be split between St. Camillus pantry and Manna Food Center. Please see the flyer attached.

Thank you for all that you do to support SJB. The Knights look forward to the day our community can gather together in person!!



Let's Lift Our Spirits -- In honor of play week, we acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our student actors and singers. Please join in the fun as we celebrate *Aladdin* through videos and fun in a **Spirit Week** for all. Links and info to come...

“Let's Make Some Magic!”

Attention SJB Students and Staff

Aladdin, Jr Spirit Week

April 27-May 1



Monday: Introducing the Cast of Aladdin!

Tuesday: Aladdin Art with Mrs Leishear

Wednesday: Story telling with Katelyn Trebel

Thursday: Aladdin Dance-a-Long with Evelyn and Neive

Friday: Aladdin Dress-Up Day and Virtual Picnic



And...

Roll Out of Bed & Sing

PJ's with the DJ (Ms. Lewanika) Karaoke Party

Roll Out of Bed & SING

SJB ZOOM KARAOKE & DANCE PARTY
HOSTED BY MS. LEWANIKA
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Lower Grades

Tuesday,
April 28

PreK, K, & 1st
2 - 2:30 pm

2nd, 3rd, & 4th
3 - 3:30 pm

Upper Grades

Thursday,
April 30

5th & 6th
2 - 2:30 pm

7th & 8th
3 - 3:30 pm

ZOOM LINKS WILL BE SENT IN AN EMAIL.

School appropriate PJs allowed

A Few "House" Rules:

- Appropriate dress is still required. Use "Roll out of Bed and Read" Day as your guidelines. If you can't wear the PJs to school, don't wear them on screen.
- Similar to music class at school, please be respectful to your teacher and peers.
- Same Zoom rules apply, no phones unless you are using it to connect to the app.
- Failure to follow these rules will result in removal from the zoom meeting or taking a break in the waiting room.
- Lastly... I can't wait to see you.

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

Sincerely,

Ms. Lewanika

