

Eagles' Edge Family Fact Sheet

St. John Paul II Catholic School

April 22, 2020

"Soaring Ever Higher"

"Christ, my hope, has risen. Alleluia!" (Easter Sequence)

Dear Families,

This week we resumed effective and meaningful distance teaching and learning. Staff are working remotely and on site from 7:30am to 3:30pm daily to ensure continuity of learning for our students. Visitors to school are asked to practice social distancing as well as adhere to the posted "Building Entry Protocols" which include signing in and out and taking your temperature. If your temperature is not normal or you do not feel well, you will not be permitted to enter the building. We are confident that these distancing protocols to "flatten the curve" will continue to be effective and that students will be permitted to return to campus soon. We will have to wait for new directives from competent authorities and continue to follow required protocols as we develop a phased plan to return to campus. In the meantime, we will be increasing the use of "live teaching" in our distance teaching and learning in a developmentally appropriate manner. Additional teachers have begun this process already with positive results. Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to build value into our distance teaching and learning. Please see the results of the parent survey that was taken before the break. Your input and comments were very helpful in enabling us to make adjustments to the delivery of distance instruction. Thank you for all of your effort and diligence enabling your children to continue to be educated while staying healthy as we move toward "Opening Up America Again," particularly in our local community.

~Caritas in veritate, John Donohue

Positivity Project Trait for the week of April 27: Connection/Purpose

Daily Announcements-we will be placing daily announcements on the school Facebook page (St. John Paul II Catholic School).

Distance Learning Survey- Thank you to the 51 families that shared openly on our survey. The faculty and staff are encouraged and motivated by the fact that the majority of the comments were overwhelmingly positive and gracious. Below are some of the survey results:

- There were 51 responses submitted answering for about 90 students
- Upwards of 95% of respondents complimented the teachers' hard work and valiant efforts in making the transition quickly
- More than 90% of families were happy with teacher availability during the school day
- About 85% of those surveyed feel "certain" or "fairly sure" their students are learning through this
- 99% of families felt that the mode of distance learning being utilized was fair or better
- 85% of families felt their students were learning/grasping new objectives



The school will use the data gathered on the survey to continue to increase the value of distance learning to best meet the needs of all students, whose spiritual and educational well being remain our number one priority. If you did not get a chance to participate but want your voice heard, you still have an opportunity to fill out the survey. Please [click here to fill out the survey](#). Please only submit one survey per family. The school values your insight and has/ will use it to help shape distance learning going forward.

PTO- All volunteer hours are waived for the 2019-2020 school year.

Bioblast- Mrs. D'Argenio's 6th grade Social Studies class has been hard at work on an inquiry based learning project to get kids outside and enjoying nature. An email went out to families yesterday with all of the details to get your student(s) involved with this fun, interactive educational activity.

Uniforms- Educational Outfitters have gone out of business. They were purchased by a new company, Flynn O'Hara. We are working with Flynn O'Hara to get our uniforms in stock but they are not up and running yet. In the meantime, Lands End will be used for all of our SJPII uniform needs. Once Flynn O'Hara is up and running we will send all that information out to parents.

RenWeb- Please continue to login and check RenWeb for updated grades(3-8), assignments, and/or links to class work..

SCRIP - Earn money for our school **AND** toward your tuition by purchasing scrip! It's not too late to start earning money toward your 2020-21 tuition! For your convenience, orders for escrip can be processed online *at any time*. For information on how to participate or questions please contact Erica Brower at ericabrower@gmail.com.

Derby Gala- has been rescheduled for May 1, 2021. Many thanks to our chairs, Tiffany Bailey and Julie Cosmello for all of their hard work on this annual event.

Positivity Project- Please see the weekly Positivity Project attachment. [Click here to view the slides](#) Feel free to use this information with your student(s) to discuss the weekly topic.

"How can we help?"- If your family is having hardship during the pandemic and your SJPII family can help in any way, please reach out. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every family as we navigate through this uncertain time. We are in this together!