



St. John the Baptist School

Hello St. John the Baptist School Families,

Daily inspiration that my mother sent me this morning:

Maybe this hasn't been the year we envisioned it would be. Perhaps all the things we thought we would accomplish will have to wait until later. Here is something I do know: Just because our plans have shifted does not mean God's plans have. He knew what this year would hold, and thankfully, He holds us in His hands.

This can still be the year of vision. One that brings to light how blind we actually are. This could also be the year the scales fall off our eyes, and we see God clearer than we ever did before.

Dear heavenly Father, I am thankful that nothing catches You by surprise. Help me to see You in every situation I encounter. Please strengthen my faith in the process. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

We have had one positive case of COVID-19 here at St. John's from outside the school exposure, we have had some students self-isolating and quarantining due to direct or secondary exposure. We still feel very fortunate that we have been able to maintain a safe a healthy environment for our students and staff.

As of 11-12-2020. The Sarpy/Cass Health Department COVID-19 risk dial is in Orange at 2.50, which is up from last week. The dial is one measure we use to help determine our protocols for St. John the Baptist. Factors we take into consideration: our community spread (town and county), our building positivity rate and exposure, the Governors DHM (directive health measures) and protocols we are doing that are working. We will remain diligent in our protocols and procedures to keep everyone safe. We will not be changing our delivery of instruction at this time. We will continue to do what we need to do in order to help stop the spread of the virus. I am sure that I sound like a broken record, please know these are friendly reminders for everyone.

Please remember to practice good mask usage, hand washing, social distancing, and avoid large gatherings outside of the school building.

Avoid the 3C's—Avoid **C**rowded places, **C**onfined spaces and **C**lose contact (no closer than 6 ft. for longer than 15 min.)

Practice the 3 W's—Wear a mask, Wash your hands often, Watch your distance.

Please continue to self monitor symptoms at home. If you have symptoms please go get tested, if you are not feeling well please stay home for the safety of yourself and others.

Our goal is to stay in school as much and as long as possible. With the assistance of the Sarpy Cass Health Department, the Nebraska Department of Education, Diocese of Lincoln and surrounding school districts, keeping kids in school is the safest and best place for students at this time. We provide a controlled, cohorted environment. We will be taking each case and each day as it comes and make decisions based on the data of our school and our community. Looking at the protocols we developed over the summer and sent out in August are being looked at again and updated with the knowledge we have acquired since March.

Upcoming dates:

As the end of the 2020 calendar year approaches, please remember as contributing parishioners to fulfill your church tithing responsibility of \$600 by December 31. You can call Sue Stevens at the rectory to find out your amount tithed for the 2020 calendar year. 402-296-3139

November 17—Mid-quarter

November 21—Vendor Fair has been moved to virtual. On Facebook look for ****Virtual Event**** 5th annual Spirit of the Season Craft/Vendor Fair

November 24—Science Fair—7th and 8th graders

November 25—29 Thanksgiving Break—**NO SCHOOL**

December 4—Picture retake day.

December 8—**NO SCHOOL**—Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation

Christmas concerts will look different this year. The students are preparing their songs and Mrs. Stryker is working with Deb Walton to make sure the technology and copyright laws are in place for everyone to enjoy our Christmas concerts. More information to come after Thanksgiving.

Stay safe and healthy. With God, we are stronger together!

Linda Monahan