



It is hard to believe that it is November, and our distance learning days are coming up on November 22nd and 23rd. These two half days provide an opportunity for students and staff to connect and learn together in an online platform so that we can be successful if we ever need to move to distance learning due to inclement weather or other reasons.

Our distance learning practice days throughout last year as well as a variety of other experiences have helped our staff continue to improve distance learning instruction. As always, we will continue to use this time to improve how we instruct in the future.

The online learning schedule for Monday, November 22nd and Tuesday, November 23rd will be from 8a-11a.

IMPORTANT ITEMS for You to Know:

- We will be using Google Classroom as our online platform, which is where students will be logging on to access their Zoom (live lessons/meetings) link. Usernames and passwords needed to log in are in your child's folder or planner.
- All classes start at 8am with Zoom (live lessons/meetings).
- Headphones with microphones are recommended especially if you have more than 1 learner in a shared space.

STUDENT DAILY EXPECTATIONS

- 1) Always be on time for class.
- 2) Be prepared with all your materials.
- 3) Wear appropriate clothing. (Please note that uniform or uniform shirts may help keep students focused.)
- 4) Have camera **on** and microphone **off** during live instruction.
- 5) Only unmute your microphone when called on.
- 6) Actively participate.
- 7) Remain seated at a desk or a table during live instruction (no walking around, sitting on beds...)
- 8) Limit distractions during live instructions. No extra visitors (siblings, pets, stuffed animals, toys...)
- 9) If you have a different Zoom background, it must stay the same for the entire class.
- 10) When you log on to Zoom, you must use your name – no made up or silly names.
- 11) No eating during live instruction.

PARENT DAILY EXPECTATIONS

- 1) Parents will need to help their children. The amount of assistance will depend upon your child.
- 2) Please do not provide the answers for your child.
- 3) At a minimum, we ask that you make sure your child is online when needed and that they turn in their assessments/homework.
- 4) We understand that you may be working while your student is in class. If you also need to be on a conference call or Zoom, please be aware that if your child is not muted, the entire class is also listening to your call, which may be disruptive.

DISTANCE LEARNING FOR GRADES K-2

Content Delivery Platform: Google Classroom is the primary tool for the daily learning plan including assignments, pre-recorded lessons, and other apps or sites students need to access. Passwords are in your student's take home folder.

We have had opportunities to practice using Google Classroom during school, but your student may still need a bit of help.

Live Instruction: Students will participate in live synchronous instruction for Morning Meeting (prayer, check in), Religion, Math, and ELA each day. The teachers may provide live or recorded lessons for Social Studies or Science. The Zoom links will be posted on Google Classroom, and your child's teacher will provide a scheduled time for your child.

To receive maximum educational benefit, it is critical for your child to be present for their daily live instruction via Zoom.

Daily Schedule: A consistent routine is important for your child's learning. The teachers will have a daily schedule which will include classroom meeting times, live instruction, guidance for other subject areas, work time, and break time. This will be provided to you by your child's teacher.

Other:

Specialists: Some of the specialists may be providing recorded lessons or project during these days but they are not required to do so.

Student Support: During these November days, students will not be receiving student support.

However, feel free to reach out to Dr. Howard if you need assistance howarda@stjohnnyb.org.

Requesting a Device: If you need a device for child, please [click here](#).

ZOOM Etiquette:



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DISTANCE LEARNING FOR GRADES 3-8

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We have had opportunities to practice using Google Classroom during school, so students should know how to get on.

Live Instruction: Students will participate in live synchronous instruction for ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Religion. The students will join the Zoom meetings. The Zoom links will be posted on Google Classroom, and your child's teacher will provide their schedule.

To receive maximum educational benefit, it is critical for your child to be present for their daily live instruction via Zoom.

Daily Schedule: A consistent routine is important for your child's learning. The teachers will have a daily schedule which will include classroom meeting times, live instruction, guidance for other subject areas, work time, and break times (as needed). This will be provided to you by your child's teacher.

Other:

Specialists: Some of the specialists may be providing activities or have live lessons with your students. Those will be included in your student's schedule.

Student Support: If your child receives support from Dr. Howard or Mounds View, they will not be meeting during these two days. However, if you need assistance, please contact Dr. Howard at howarda@stjohnnyb.org.

Requesting a Device: If you need a device for child, please [click here](#).

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- Please view our school website for more Frequently Asked Questions about distance learning: [SJB Website](#)
- Materials that your child needs for the Distance Learning Days will be sent home on Thursday, November 18th. They must be returned to school on Monday, November 29th.
- If you request an iPad or a Chromebook, they will be available for pick-up after school on Thursday, November 18th between 2:30p-3:30p. Devices will not be sent home on the bus.

Thank you for your partnership in assisting us during this time. We could not do it without you! Please feel free to contact us with any questions at 651-633-1522.

Gratefully-

Ann and the wonderful St. John's staff