



2020-2021 Distance Learning Handbook

A Faith Community of Learners for over 60 years

PRAYER FOR THIS TIME OF PANDEMIC

Archbishop Jose Gomez has encouraged us to seek the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, in this time of need. And so, we pray...

*Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas,
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.*

*Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.*

*For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.*

*In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.*

*We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate Mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.*

*Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.*

St. Cyprian... pray for us.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Cyprian Parish School strives to continue the mission of the founding Sisters of St. Louis, who established our community to be dedicated to providing a Christ-centered foundation both academically and spiritually. Each of our students, TK-8, are challenged to develop as:

- Informed, Active, Faithful Catholics
- Integrated Individuals
- Life-Long Learners
- Effective Communicators
- Globally Aware and Responsible Citizens

SCHOOL PHILOSOPHIES

“We at St. Cyprian Parish School are called to create an environment in which Catholic faith and academic achievement will flourish. We believe that the development of Catholic identity and academic success begins in the home, is nurtured in the school, and extends to the community. We are committed to educating the whole person through worship, faith, and service.”

As faculty we recognize parents as the primary educators of their children and work diligently to assist in promoting faith and moral formation in each student’s life. We believe that this development begins in the home, is nurtured in the school and extends to the community. We are committed to educating the whole person, recognizing the spiritual, intellectual, social, psychological, physical, and cultural needs of each individual.

We approach our ministry as Catholic educators with faith, hope, and love. Our goal is to prepare our students to live and serve in a competitive society and the global community.

PEACE BUILDER’S PLEDGE

I am a Peace Builder, I pledge to praise people, to give up put-downs, to seek wise people, to notice and speak up about hurts I have caused, to right wrongs, to help others. I will build peace at home, at school, and in my community each day.

ST. CYPRIAN SCHOOL STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

ST. CYPRIAN SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE:

- INFORMED, ACTIVE, FAITHFUL CATHOLICS who . . .
 - keep God first in their lives.
 - model their faith in words and actions.
 - possess a basic foundation in scripture, Church beliefs, history and tradition.
 - participate in the sacramental and prayer life of the Church.
 - make moral and ethical choices in the light of Gospel values.
 - are compassionate and forgiving.
 - serve others as Jesus did.

- INTEGRATED INDIVIDUALS who . . .
 - manage their lives responsibly.
 - possess a healthy self-image.
 - appreciate art, music and literature.
 - develop outside interests.
 - accept personal responsibility for life-long physical and mental health.
 - demonstrate honesty, integrity, and good sportsmanship.

- ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS AS LIFE-LONG LEARNERS who . . .
 - exhibit curiosity and a desire for knowledge.
 - demonstrate increasing competency over challenging subject matter.
 - locate, access, and interpret information independently.
 - read and think in a critical and analytical manner and are able to problem solve.
 - set goals, use organizational tools, and evaluate progress.
 - explore new challenges willingly.

- EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS who . . .
 - write clearly, effectively, and creatively.
 - speak to an audience with confidence.
 - are active, involved listeners who think and question.
 - use technology in an appropriate and ethical manner.
 - show respect for others with courtesy and good manners.

- GLOBALLY AWARE AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS who . . .
 - assume responsibility for their actions.
 - work cooperatively with respect and tolerance.
 - respect basic civic rights and responsibilities.
 - are caretakers of the world and its resources.
 - appreciate and value our multicultural and global society.
 - share their time, talent, and treasure with others

DISTANCE LEARNING POLICIES

In addition to the policies and procedures stipulated in our *St. Cyprian Parish School Parent & Student Handbook*, the following are supplemental guidelines we will be implementing while on distance learning.

ATTENDANCE

Regularity and punctuality are necessary for success in school. Every absence is a definite loss to the student. It hinders and delays the progress of the class and imposes extra burdens on the teacher. Each teacher will share with you their attendance and tardy policies at the start of the school year.

GRADING POLICY

A modified grading scale that places emphasis on participation and engagement will be implemented to help our students succeed during this time of distance learning. Each teacher will share with you their grading policies at the start of the school year.

UNIFORM and APPEARANCE

Students are expected to wear their school shirts during every live instruction session. Each student should be ready to learn at 8:00 every morning. They should appear as they would at school: hair brushed/combed, breakfast eaten, teeth brushed, having used the restroom, etc. It is important that each student be awake and prepared!

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

The best method of communication during distance learning is via email to your teacher. Please contact your student's teacher regarding instruction or learning processes prior to contacting Mrs. Riemersma. Here are the emails for your use:

Principal: Mrs. Rachelle Riemersma - principal@stcyprianschool.org

Office: Mrs. Beth Luyben - bookkeeper@stcyprianschool.org

TK: Miss Kimberli Rence - TKgrade@stcyprianschool.org

Kindergarten: Miss Amanda Conrique - Kgrade@stcyprianschool.org

1st Grade: Mrs. Lisa Lindgren - 1grade@stcyprianschool.org

2nd Grade: Mrs. Kathy Flaherty - 2grade@stcyprianschool.org

3rd Grade: Miss Melissa Pantoja - 3grade@stcyprianschool.org

4th Grade: Miss Jessica Williams - 4grade@stcyprianschool.org

5th Grade: Mrs. Mary Beth Murchison - 5grade@stcyprianschool.org

6th Grade: Mrs. Cassie Nixon - 6grade@stcyprianschool.org

7th Grade: Mrs. Joy Wear - 7grade@stcyprianschool.org

8th Grade: Mrs. Amanda Goryachev - 8grade@stcyprianschool.org

Jr. High Science: Mr. Rick (Mr. T) Tirambulo - computer@stcyprianschool.org

Jr. High Math: Ms. Allison Welch Castellanos - jrhimath@stcyprianschool.org

EDC Director: Mrs. Silvia Cordero - edc@stcyprianschool.org

*The school office can be contacted at (562) 425-7341 M-Th between 8am - 3pm, Friday: 8:00 – 1:45. Due to the ever changing status of the crisis, the physical school office may not be open daily. You are welcome to leave a voicemail, but please keep in mind there may be a delay in return.

The following platforms will also be used for communication from the school:

- **School Website** (Please do not submit an email via the website)
- **Gradelink:** Please ensure that you have your password and are regularly logging in for monitoring purposes. An app can be downloaded if compatible with your phone.
- **ClassDojo** (Your teacher will contact you if this is their choice of communication)
- **Google Classroom** (3rd – 8th Grades)
- **Remind** (Used by the principal and your teacher will contact you if this is their choice of communication)

iPADS and CHROMEBOOKS

Students will be relying heavily on technology to complete their distance learning. Please ensure that your student has a device designated solely for school. It is the family's responsibility to monitor and track all activity by a student on the device while at home.

The school iPads will be available to check out for use. Please keep in mind that any device borrowed from the school is the responsibility of the family borrowing the device and are responsible for any damages. A contract will need to be signed upon device release.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATION REMINDERS

Just as we are committed to continuing our students' education, please remember to continue your financial commitment to the school (regular tuition payments). Our tuition contract/rate for each family does remain in place. Due to the pandemic there has been an increase in costs for sanitizing materials, additional personnel, resources for when we return to on-campus instruction, as well as educational technology. The cost to educate a student is still much higher than our base tuition cost. We understand the challenges that are in our community and we will do our best to work with our families, but the financial aid awards and tuition rates that have been agreed to will need to remain in place. We deeply appreciate your understanding and support.

DISTANCE LEARNING TIPS

For academic success when studying from home, we have a few suggestions to help prepare for the new school year:

- **Parents** help your student set up a routine. Students respond well to stability and structure.
- **Help** your student create a designated learning space. It should be one that is quiet, neat and free from clutter, and away from distractions (i.e. no cell phone, no TV, no video games, etc.) on their bed or on the couch are not the spaces most conducive for learning.
- **Engage** your child to work with you to establish their academic success plan.
- **Hold** your student accountable for completion of work.