



## REMOTE LEARNING

**What is REMOTE LEARNING?** Remote Learning is an alternative to on-campus learning; specified over a contracted period of time. **Remote Learning is designed to provide support for students and families who desire for their students to be off-campus temporarily due to COVID-19 related concerns, but wish to remain enrolled as students at Blessed Sacrament.** It will align as much as

possible with on-campus teaching and learning. This model will apply to students with pre-existing health conditions or families who may not be comfortable sending their children to school at this time. Students who become sick with the virus will follow a different remote learning path outlined in the safe school plan.

1. Families choosing this option need to be aware that they are **committing to one quarter** of remote learning. At the end of that quarter, they may opt to return to on-site instruction.
2. Due to the extensive training of the staff and equipment that will need to be installed in the classroom, the remote option will begin fully on **August 17, 2020**. For the week of **August 10-14**, remote learners are asked to join the Broadcast News during this reconfiguration. News begins each day at 8:10 and will last approximately 30 minutes. Full day remote learning will begin on August 17, 2020. On August 17, remote learners will be expected to join Zoom (Pre-K -2) or Google Meet (3-8) at 8:00 AM. More specific information will be sent home to those families who choose remote learning.

### What will REMOTE LEARNING look like at Blessed Sacrament?

**Video Conferencing:** Students will participate in “live” classes using Zoom in grades Pre-K -2 and Google Meet in grades 3-8. Teachers will utilize webcams in their classrooms along with wireless microphones for better audio.

**Synchronous Streamed Instruction:** Students working remotely will learn at the same time as their classmates and follow the same class schedule daily. Schedules will be sent home with supplies during **Meet and Greet** on August 9.

**Classroom Design:** Students will remain engaged throughout the lesson with their peers participating in instruction, discussion, and assignments. There will be time allowed for independent work and project based work. Times when the student will not be expected to be on line are: activity periods, recess, bathroom breaks and other times where it is not possible to connect from the classroom. Students will be responsible to come back on-line as instructed by their teacher after designated breaks.



**Platform:** Using two grade-specific digital platforms, Seesaw in grades Pre-K – 2 and Google Classroom in grades 3-8, students will be able to view, complete, and submit assignments in their digital classroom remotely. In grades Pre-K – 2, families will receive an email with a link to connect to their child’s Seesaw journal. In grades 3-8, parents will need to accept a Google summaries invitation to receive their child’s Google Classroom notifications and information.

**Teacher Responsibilities:** Teachers will make every effort to engage the remote learner in instruction. Because it is easy to get distracted in an on-line learning environment, the teacher will regularly call on and check in with their on-line student. Teachers will provide a “Week at a Glance” on Sunday evenings that will include the big hits for the upcoming week. Tutorial will be available at an agreed upon time.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents have a big impact in making remote learning successful.

**1. Environment:** As this will be their virtual synchronous classroom, they are expected to follow as closely as possible the expectation of a classroom. Please make sure they do not eat in their virtual classroom (except at snack and lunch). Create a quiet, non-distracting learning environment for optimal learning. Make sure that your child works from a desk or table, never a bed. Please make sure there are no virtual backgrounds as they are distracting to the learners.

**2. Attendance:** Student will be counted present, tardy or absent much like in the regular classroom. Students must be seated, their computer turned on and ready to learn by 8:00 AM.

**3. Materials:** Parents are expected to work with their children to ensure they have the necessary materials at their disposal for learning. Textbooks and other materials that are necessary for remote classroom success are available for pick-up Sunday, August 9, at the Meet and Greet. If parents are unable to attend, these materials will be available for pick-up in the office **at the parent’s request** on Friday, Aug. 7.

**4. Dress:** So that we can avoid a casual approach to the remote learning experience, students are requested to dress in their uniforms to simulate the classroom experience. We feel this will help them stay attentive and feel more included in the learning process.

## TECHNOLOGY DEVICES

**Pre-K – 2** students will be using **IPADS** in the classrooms to facilitate the SEESAW platform.

Other devices may be used during remote learning but must be provided by the parent.

**3-4 Laptops, PC’s, Chromebooks** should be used to facilitate remote learning.

**5-8 CHROMEBOOKS: LEASE TO OWN “One-to-One” Program** (FEE assessed through Student Activity Fees). 5 and 6 grade students, along with students in 7 and 8 new to Blessed Sacrament will receive their Chromebooks in mid-August. **Students should use their own laptops or devices prior to the distribution date.** Students in 7 and 8 that have been issued Chromebooks must use the device issued to them.



If using IPADS, In order to simultaneously video conference while viewing digital assignments it is helpful if the students have an additional device.

Should you have additional questions, please contact us through the school office.

*If you are already accepted and enrolled at Blessed Sacrament School and you wish to utilize this option for the first quarter of the 2020-2021 School year, please download, print, and complete the registration form on the website and return it to the School Office by August 3rd. ([bss-savannah.org](http://bss-savannah.org))*