





August 24, 2020 WK 1

School Closure from Aug 21st-Aug 28th due to the threat of Hurrícane Marco and Laura

<u>Prayers-</u> Please keep Roderic in your prayers as he mourns the loss of his mom.

<u>Handbook and Technology Forms</u>- Every student should have these two forms on file with their homeroom teacher.

<u>Signing In and Out</u>- All employees should sign in each morning in the binder in the faculty lounge (PreK in their binder). Any employee who leaves campus during the workday should sign out in that binder in the faculty lounge and sign back in upon your return to school. Bring your own pen!

<u>Fire Drill</u>- We will be having a fire drill soon. Be sure to build in time to practice evacuating and lining up with your classes. Classes will be called by homeroom on the walkie so make sure you know which homeroom you are with at the time of the drill. To avoid congestion in the hallway during an evacuation, drills might be conducted by staggered classes. Details will be sent prior to the drill. Also, make sure any duties/notes specific to your homeroom are written on the evacuation or emergency signs.

<u>Aftercare Supper</u>- It seems that aftercare supper is now being served by the cafeteria staff. If you have any questions or concerns about this process or the cafeteria, you can contact Mrs. Sue Wiggins at <u>georgecafe@st-george.org</u>.

<u>School Liturgies COVID update</u>- We are continuing to evaluate the school liturgies as the Middle School attends in person & through live streaming. The following are our expectations of students attending through live streaming:

-The students should stand and sit as if they were in mass.

-Instead of kneeling students should stand.

-Students should respond out loud when they are watching in the classroom.

-The communion prayer will be projected during communion. We plan to include more grade levels in mass as the weeks go on. Please develop a mass school schedule for your grade level if you have not already done so. Any insight or input can be emailed to Lynn Blanchard.

<u>Tardies and Uniforms</u>- It is time to start implementing our school policies regarding tardies and uniforms. Every teacher is responsible for implementing the uniform policies stated in the handbook. It is very difficult for your peers and the organization when the policy is not implemented consistently from grade level to grade level.

<u>Student Pictures</u>- Please refrain from posting or sending pictures of school children through non-approved venues without permission. The only approved venues are DragonTales, the school website and the school social media accounts. Individual teachers should not have their own methods for sending pictures of students to parents.

## <u>Important Date Reminders</u>: August Service Project: Getting acquainted with homebound

Aug 25- Faculty Meeting, see notes

Sept 1- New Faculty mtg, 3:15, location TBD Sept 3- Department mtg, 3:15, Reading, Math Science Sept 4- Liturgy

Sept 4- Pep Rally, working on an alternative

<u>Daily Health Screening</u>- All employees should be filling out the daily health screening each morning BEFORE arriving to campus.

<u>Professional Expectations</u>- All staff members are expected to follow and implement the COVID guidelines in their classroom, during transitions and at lunch/recess.

<u>Recess COVID updates</u>- Homeroom teachers can inform students that they can play with balls at recess. NO CONTACT GAMES. This will need to be monitored, but one or two balls per homeroom is allowed. EX. throwing, kicking, bumping, Put Out, Around the World, or Three Flies In. Students should either be 6 feet apart OR masked up at recess.

Face Coverings COVID updates- Face coverings should be worn to the greatest extent possible. This varies from grade level to grade level; however, you should be encouraging it as much as possible and providing students with outdoor masks breaks throughout the day. Masks are mandatory for all students during transitions and at dismissal. "Mask up and Line up". Please make sure you are adhering to these guidelines.

<u>Absent Student Policy Update</u>- Direct all parents to the website to report student absences. This helps us keep updated and accurate records as we track illnesses and COVID.

## School Closure Notes:

If you are able to <u>safely</u> go to school today or tomorrow morning to prepare your classroom, you are encouraged to unplug electronics and move all items to higher places. If you know your room is susceptible to water infiltration, please move items to a safe location. Outdoor lunch garbage cans should be brought inside the classroom or placed in the hallway.

We will be watching the storms carefully and will plan accordingly for each day. If the storms turn out to be uneventful, we will plan virtual meetings and use this time to address the upcoming weeks ahead.

All employees are expected to check email throughout the day and conduct work when possible during this week based on accessibility and the impact of the storms.

I hope and pray that we all stay safe and are able to return to campus on August 31st refreshed and rejuvenated.