St. Francis de Sales School



Week of March 23, 2020



Adjusting to a Virtual Reality

There are many things in our lives that are changing every day. As we are all trying to wrap our heads around the changes happening, virtual life is our "new normal"; at least for the next couple of weeks. I know in my family the recent changes have been challenging. Two ways my family found some comfort was watching Father Ben streaming mass on the church Facebook page, facebook.com/sfparish1 and Mr. Erickson reading a book on our school's Facebook page. Both Father Ben and Mr. Erickson plan to continue to post. I hope that you find this newsletter as a source of information and a way to create a sense of unity and familiarity. If you have any questions please email me at janet.knaffla@sfdsraiders.com

This Week's Spirit Events

- **Staycations** Many of you had to cancel your spring break plans, which can be tough on families. I hope you are enjoying it as best as you can. If you have done or plan on doing something fun at home please share your staycation ideas. If you would like you can share your photos or ideas on our FaceBook Page Tag @St.FrancisdeSalesSchool
- Pick a Super Hero Day -Pick one day this week to honor our local super heroes. In Honor of the hospital workers, First Responders, Grocery employees and all other essential personnel to provide essential services to our community. They are the heroes that are helping to keep us safe. Create a way to say thank you by drawing a picture, write a thank you note, or making a sign, etc.
- Power in Prayer and Send a Smile Thursdays- Saying a prayer can be done at anytime, but every Thursday try to say an extra prayer for wellness at 10:00am. Send a Smile by calling a relative, helping your parents, cleaning your room or house, or make something to cheer someone up in your household.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION UPDATE

School Office:

Due to the recent stay at home executive order, the school office will now be closed until April 13th, 2020. We will be working from home. If you have a question you can call the office (906) 341-5512 or email the office. We will answer your questions or concerns as quickly as we can.

<u>Communication:</u>

- Remind
- All School Emails from the office will come from my email: <u>Janet.Knaffla@sfdsraiders.com</u>
- St. Francis de Sales FaceBook Page: https://www.facebook.com/sfdsraiders/
- St. Francis de Sales Website: http://sfdsraiders.com/

Free Lunch Locations:

LITTLE BEAR WEST ARENA

The Schoolcraft County Fair and Summer

Day Camp Program will be providing meals **starting on Tuesday, March 24th**

- Every family qualifies regardless of income.
- These meals can be picked up at Little Bear West Arena
- AVAILABLE 3 days a week on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9:00 am - 1:00pm.

JACK'S FRESH MARKET

- Free Bag Lunch for All Area Students available at Jack's Fresh Market in Manistique.
- Available in the Deli Area at Jack's
- Monday through Friday from 10am to 6pm during the School Closure
- Child does not need to be present to obtain lunch.
- You are able to pick up your child's lunch for the following day if needed
- All you need to do is provide your child's name



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



<u>Classroom Information:</u>

Teachers will keep you updated through your classroom DoJo and Google Classroom.

SFDS Google Classroom Instructions:

Your child has been issued a St. Francis de Sales Raiders Gmail account to be used while doing school projects. The entire school will be using Google Classroom as a way to communicate with students, send out activities and for some classrooms as a way to send out and receive assignments for the next three weeks. (Please refer to your student's teacher on how it will be used)

The first time your child uses their SFDS Raiders Gmail account they will need to create a password.

- 1. Go to http://google.com.
- 2. In the upper right-hand corner you will see Gmail or what we call the waffle icon which is a list of all the Google applications.
- 3. Click on Gmail
- 4. Enter the SFDS account for your child. It will always be sfds.childfirstnamefirstinitial@sfdsraiders.com. For example sfds.joya@sfdsraiders.com
- 5. It will then ask for the password.
- 6. Your child's password is password and he/she will be prompted to change it before he/she can proceed.
- 7. The password will have to at least 8 characters long.
- 8. Please write the login and password down! If you and your child forget it, you will need to contact Mr. Erickson, <u>don.erickson@sfdsraiders.com</u> or Mrs. Knaffla, <u>janet.knaffla@sfdsraiders.com</u>
- 9. After you and your child have set up their account they will be able to enter your teacher's Google Classroom.
- 10. Go to http://classroom.google.com or choose from the Waffle Icon and click Go to Classroom.
- 11. Enter username and click Next. (For example sfds.joya@sfdsraiders.com)
- 12. Enter the password and click Next. (If your child does not remember their password, please contact contact Mr. Erickson, don.erickson@sfdsraiders.com or Mrs. Knaffla, janet.knaffla@sfdsraiders.com
- 13. If there is a welcome message because it is their first time into a Classroom, read it and click Accept.