



AQUINAS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear AMS Parent/Guardian

As of tomorrow, March 18th, remote learning will launch for grades K-12. Aquinas administration will support schools at all levels of readiness to deliver remote learning through the use of Google Classroom, WebEx, Zoom, and several other modes of communication. Please understand that this will be a bit overwhelming at first, but students know how to check Google Classroom and will adapt better than we may think.

Here are some informational points about student and teacher expectations:

- Students will be expected to complete weekly assignments but will be given generous due dates. We understand that some students will be assisting with family child care etc., and may need to complete assignments in the evening. If they are having difficulties with the assignment or cannot get it finished on time, they will need to contact the teacher via email or Google Classroom. Likewise if they are having computer problems or other technical issues, they should contact their teacher.
- Teachers will be available from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. each day, students may contact their teachers via email or through their google classroom. Teacher emails are on the website and in general are of the format firstname.lastname@aquinasschools.org.
- Google Classroom will be the main source for online learning. Although teachers may use other websites and applications needed for their specific subject, all links will go through their google classroom.
- Students should check their Google Classroom daily for each of their classes.
- Students will need to check 1). direction for assignments, 2).due dates and 3). submission directions. These will sometimes vary depending on the class.
- The weekly assignment calendar for AMS core classes will continue to be updated each week on the AMS webpage. It will contain daily assignment/project information.
- Students and/or parents are not allowed in the building during the mandated closure.
- End of quarter remains to be on March 25th. Teachers may choose to move an assignment or project to quarter 4 for grading depending on student submission.
- Grades, as usual, will be posted in Skyward.

It is VERY important that you help your student(s) establish a daily routine for their school time, set up camp (Chromebook, handouts, books, writing utensils, notebooks etc.) at the kitchen table or the counter and have "office hours" in place. Your support (or non-support) will carry over to your student. Please be patient in helping them to get help, if they need it. At this point the ACS office will be open in the morning and when we establish some firm hours for the AHS/AMS offices we will inform you of that.



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Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe and learning! If you have questions feel free to email or call. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible. A huge thanks to our teachers for adapting overnight to a new way of teaching. They too will be learning new and different things and stepping out of their comfort zone. We will all come out with new skills and methods of learning!

God Bless and stay safe.

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