

Here is your weekly update for Wednesday, April 8, 2020

SPRING BREAK: All students and staff will observe Spring Break from April 9 - April 19. Please understand if a staff member does not reply to messages during this time. The St. Thomas Faculty and Staff has been working overtime over these past few weeks as we all get used to our "new normal" and EVERYONE needs a break!

STUDENT ATTENDANCE: Beginning this week, you will notice a change on the attendance screen on PowerSchool. To indicate our new form of teaching all students will receive a "DL" (Distance Learning) for any day that they attend a virtual class. This is not an absence, but the state requires us to differentiate between a regular school day and a "distance learning" day. If your child does not check in with a teacher or submit any work on a given day you will see a "UA" (Unexcused Absence). Please stay in touch with your child(ren)'s teachers regarding any attendance questions.

SURVEY RESPONSES: Thank you again for your responses to the survey that was sent regarding our distance learning experience so far. Please know that all responses have been read and are being considered. Look for updates regarding any new plans before we return from our Easter Break.

2020-2021 REGISTRATION: Please be sure that you have completed the online Bio Update through the PowerSchool Enrollment Portal for each of your children as soon as possible. We asked all parents to complete this task by March 31, and we currently still have 87 students who have not been submitted! Please take care of this immediately. Thank you.

EASTER TRIDUUM MASSES: Don't forget that St. Thomas the Apostle Church will be live-streaming all of their masses during this Holy Week. The links to the masses can be accessed through the Parish website at www.saintthomasob.com. The schedule is as follows:

- Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper - 7:00 pm
- Good Friday - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - 3:00 pm
- Holy Saturday - Solemn Easter Vigil Mass- 8:00 pm
- Easter Sunday Mass- 10:30 am

On behalf of the Faculty and Staff of St. Thomas the Apostle, I hope that you all have a Blessed Easter. Try your best to enjoy this time with your families, and take some time to (hopefully!) relax and de-stress. Know that we are praying for all of you. Stay home and stay safe!