

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

EAGLE'S NEST NEWS

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Monday - Thursday
7:50 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Friday
7:50 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

School Mass every Friday at
8:30 A.M. Please join us! LINK
WILL BE PROVIDED

Extended care available at
6:30 every school morning and
until 6:00 P.M. every school day

(ONCE WE RETURN TO ON
CAMPUS LEARNING)

School Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 7:30 - 3:30
Friday 7:30 - 1:00



Dear St. Joseph Catholic School Families,

Welcome to our new school year! We are all experiencing not only the newness of the year in terms of new grade level and new teacher but also a new way of learning. Distance learning presents us all with formidable challenges. We are all learning how to do things differently for a while. Across our community of students, teachers and staff there is a wide range of comfort with technology. Even very digitally-savvy young people may struggle with educational technology.

The guidance below can help us all make the best of new and sometimes unfamiliar distance learning environments. It can help you be ready for some of the more practical aspects of learning from home.

- **Establish routines and expectations** - It is important to develop good habits from the start.
- **Choose a good place to learn** – Try to make sure it is quiet, free from distractions and has a good internet connection. Make sure an adult monitors online learning. Keep doors open, and practice good digital safety. Have your child finish all eating and drinking before they start class. Help encourage as much of a school environment as possible.
- **Stay in touch** - Stay in contact with classroom and support teachers, and school leaders but understand it may take a day or two for us to respond. If you have concerns, let someone know.
- **Help students 'own' their learning** - No one expects parents to be full-time teachers or to be educational and content matter experts. Provide support and encouragement, and expect your children to do their part. Struggling is allowed and encouraged! Don't help too much. Becoming independent takes lots of practice. While in school, your child usually engages with other students and any number of adults hundreds of times each day. Many of these social interactions will continue from a distance, but they will be different. You cannot replace them all, and that's OK.
- **Begin and end the day by checking-in** Checking in helps students to process instructions they received from their teachers, and it helps them organize themselves and set priorities – older students too.
- **Connect safely with friends, and be kind** - Help your children maintain contact with friends through social media and other online technologies. But monitor your child's social media use. Remind your child to be polite, respectful and appropriate in their communications, and to follow school guidelines in their interactions with others. Report unkindness and other problems so that everyone maintains healthy relationships and positive interactions.

I have a very open door policy. Never hesitate to call, email, or stop by my office.

Wishing you peace and joy,

Kathy Van Loan, Principal

Thank you to all who participated in the **Pima Love Notes** project. Remember, you receive family volunteer hours for any community service in which your family participates. This is an ongoing project! See the note I received!

“Many thanks to St. Joseph's Catholic School for thinking about our staff and residents here at Handmaker! We love the artwork and the enclosed words of concern, care, and support. A big thank you to Kathy Van Loan, SJCS Principal, for taking the time to do this for us. You have put big smiles on our faces and in our hearts! The Pima Love Notes are on display on a bulletin board along "Main Street" for all to see.”



Please join us in praying for Mr. Scott's mother, Mrs. Nazzaro's father and Mrs. Grijalva's father as well as their families. Each of these beloved parents passed away within the last few weeks.



Now, because of you, Lord, I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for no matter what happens, I will live unafraid!
Psalm 4:8

ONLINE MEETING EXPECTATIONS

- 1. ARRIVE ON TIME.**
Come a few minutes early to be sure your tech is working and you're able to connect. If you can't figure out how to get into the meeting, call someone who can help.
- 2. MUTE YOUR MICROPHONE.**
Unless you're speaking. This helps cut down on distracting background noises or problems with sound during the meeting.
- 3. WE'RE ALWAYS WATCHING.**
What is showing up on your screen? As much as we love you, we'd prefer not to have a close-up shot of your nose the entire meeting. Just because you can't see you, doesn't mean we can't see you!
- 4. DON'T SNACK AND SPEAK.**
Hold off on that crinkly bag of chips until after the meeting. Not everyone likes crunching in their ears.
- 5. BE SURE TO HANG UP.**
At the end of the meeting, click on the red phone button to "hang up" or exit. If you don't, you'll stay in the meeting all by yourself. That's just weird.

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Feast of the Queenship of Mary – August 22

We believe that, after her Assumption into heaven, Mary was crowned Queen of heaven and earth. Taken up into heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to heaven, the way to life. She shows it to us her children.

