

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for supporting your child's distance learning procedures. I know it is difficult keeping track of all the various information that is coming to you electronically. Two things that may be helpful:

1. The homepage of our school's website <https://www.strosecatholicschool.org/> now has each class's plans and links to resources listed by grade level.
2. Our media teacher, Carla Flaherty, has created a help desk for tech support with the various applications we are using. You can call her at 707 708-8365. She is not able to field questions on school work, but can offer tech support. She will be available from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon on weekdays and you can leave a recorded message.

Our first "test" Zoom meetings went very well today. The teachers are still learning this technology and evaluating how it can best be used.

Here are some general rules which we believe will make the meetings optimal.

- Remind your children that classroom rules apply. What is inappropriate at school is also inappropriate during a Zoom meeting.
- Please do your best to provide a quiet dedicated space for your child free of distractions from siblings, pets, TV, etc.
- Students should sign in to the meeting with a first name and last initial so teachers can identify who is present.
- Late entry to a meeting is very distracting. Once everyone becomes more adept at signing on, the meetings will be closed five minutes after the start time.
- It is best if each child has an individual device to use during the meeting.

Information and assignments during the meeting will be duplicated on teacher's website. (Google Classroom for Grades 6, 7 & 8.)

Regular Zoom Meetings will begin next week. You will get an email if a teacher is hosting another meeting this week.

I have attached the regular Zoom Meeting schedule that will begin next week so you can plan accordingly. We have tried to avoid having siblings schedule for the same time slot.

I know that this is a lot to manage. We are all in this together, so don't hesitate to call or email if you need assistance. Teachers are used to differentiating in the classroom and will do their best to give each of their students the attention they need.

Stay well.

Sincerely,
Kathy Ryan