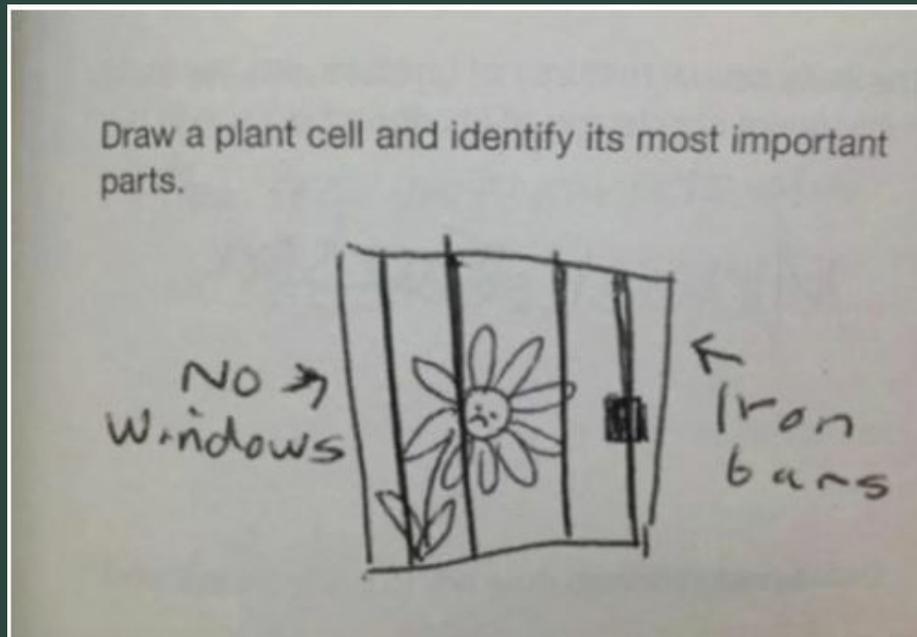


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Spring break is moving to April 6-13. See below.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The above meme is just an attempt at lightheartedness while we all learn to manage home-based instruction. It's ripped from the internet, but it's kind of cute, right? Like the meme implies, there are bound to be some mistakes and miscommunication in the weeks to come. We are all doing our best, I promise you! Let's remember to keep a sense of humor.



We have fulfilled our intentions from last Thursday:

- **To send** your child home today with enough material to cover a week's worth of curriculum. *Thank you for picking up the materials today. The response and cooperation was tremendous.*
- **To create** a system of picking up additional work and dropping off completed work. *Work may be dropped off Monday evenings, beginning 3/23, in the cafeteria between 4-7 pm. If there is more work to pick up (hard copies of handouts, spelling lists, etc.) it will be available at the same time. Most assignments for 3-8 are online; most for K-2 are paper/pencil.*
- **To investigate** the possibility of meeting with parents and their students during the regular school day for our student-led conferences. *We will not be attempting conferences at this time.*
- **To support** our families who qualify for free or reduced lunches by

connecting them to St. Vincent DePaul for supplemental groceries. **ANY school families in need of assistance with food may call Dave Luebbering at 513-403-7503 to arrange for pick up or request other assistance.**

- **To solicit** additional support for our St. Vincent DePaul food pantry from the families in our community who can afford to be generous right now. **This was mentioned at the PTO meeting and in my email last night, and several of you have responded. Please continue to be generous!**

UPDATES on OTHER EVENTS

- *Masses are cancelled until Holy Week, beginning tomorrow, March 17.*
- *Spring break will be moved to April 6-13 with classes resuming Tuesday, April 14, if possible. Families who have travel plans for the week of April 13 are asked to notify the main office if you intend (if you are able) to travel.*
- *"HONK! Jr." will be postponed until the summer weeks, depending on when we are permitted to resume rehearsals.*
- *Trip to Washington D.C. (8th grade trip) Unknown. Awaiting word from our trip coordinator/guide.*

As the medical and community response to the virus unfolds, it may be that additional restrictions are imposed on our movement, or on the number of weeks we are required to be out of school. It seems entirely possible that there will be additional time out of class tacked on to the current three week period. This is why we are moving the spring break dates - in hopes that if additional weeks are imposed, we will have dealt with the first one already. Also, we will want to have as many days-in-a-row as possible once we return.

We held a school assembly last Friday morning to prep the students for this week's launch of the home-based learning they'd be doing. See the article below for a synopsis. :)

*If your student is using a school-based Chromebook and you experience hardware issues/technical difficulties, Mrs. Henninger can be reached at **her St. B. email**, and lives close enough to meet you at school to swap out a replacement if necessary. Questions about access to specific programs or classroom logins should be addressed to your child's teacher.*

Last, teachers are trying to gauge the amount of work they are sending home with your child's grade and curriculum in mind. Please give us feedback about how we are doing. All of this is uncharted territory. We may be doing this for quite awhile and we'd like to get it right, but it may take us some time to adjust. Please be patient!

We'll get through these challenges, as long as we all do our best, extend patience and charity toward one another, and stay hopeful. Be well!

*Blessings,
Mrs. Ingram*



HOW TO BE IN SCHOOL AT HOME - A Guide for St. B Students

These ideas are from our student assembly Friday morning

1. Complete school work everyday, Monday through Friday. You won't be busy all day long with assignments, but you will be learning.
2. Make a space at home **where** you will do your school work. You can be comfortable, but try not to slouch on the couch all the time. Sit up, work at a table, and take it seriously.
3. Set aside a time of day **when** you will do your school work. This can be flexible from day to day for your family, but make sure you do something everyday. Remember: you are officially "in school" for these next three weeks.

4. Consider "dressing" for school - throw on your plaid, or a St. B t-shirt or polo to help get in the right frame of mind - and change into play clothes when you've finished your work.
5. Go ahead and pray before you work; you can even recite our school pledge and say a Hail Mary each day, just like we do every morning, to set the stage for being "in school." Keeping a routine is a good idea!
6. Limit your screen time. It's too easy to watch videos or play video games for hours and hours. Mix up your relaxation and play times with a walk outside, reading, completing puzzles, prayer time, reading, jumping jacks, playing board games, reading, shooting hoops, drawing, meditation, reading, building with legos, blocks, or programmable robots, reading. You get the picture?
7. Remember that your parents have a lot to do. Try to keep busy and give them some peace and quiet.

Students offered some ideas of their own when asked how kids can help with their parents' stress during these next several weeks...

- If you have an older sister or brother, you can ask them to help you so your parents get a break.
- You can do chores without being asked.
- Listen to your parents the FIRST time they tell you to do something.
- Go outside and play.
- Read.

Do we have great kids, or what??



UPCOMING...

- **Mon March 23** - Drop off assignments, and/or pick up additional materials as indicated by your child's teacher(s). Donate to SVD! **4-7 pm in the Cafeteria**



CANNED FOOD DRIVE and KROGER GIFT CARDS

Please continue to bring in canned foods and any non-perishable items, paper towels, toiletries, cleaning supplies, etc. to help replenish the shelves for our St. Vincent DePaul Society. We will continue to collect all through Lent. Families may drop off donations during the drop off/pick up times for student classwork on Monday evenings between 4-7pm in the cafeteria. Please be generous. Kroger gift cards are needed for our families who will now depend on St. Vincent DePaul's food pantry to help offset the larger grocery bills and lack of school-based lunches that this extended closure will inflict.

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