

August 19, 2020

Important Information for our FAW Distance Learners

Good Morning Distance Learner Families!

There are several things to note this week for our distance learning families. We will continue to be in contact with you for further information, but here are some notes to help keep us all organized.

1. Borrowing Devices - request by TODAY, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020

We are proud to offer 1:1 technology at our school thanks to the generous support of all of our family and friends who contributed to our Annual Giving Campaign a few years ago. In light of this, we are able to offer your child a device to borrow (PK-1, iPads and 2-8, Chromebooks). Some of you have contacted me to borrow a device for the duration your child is a remote learner. I kindly ask that if you have not contacted me (or if you think you have and I have not responded to your request) to please email me TODAY to request a device to borrow for your child. I have a process to go through to retrieve the device and charger from the carts and make setting changes individually. Therefore I must do these things ahead of time and not at the request the day you pick up the device. **Thank you for ensuring that all requests for devices are communicated to me by midnight tonight, Wednesday, August 19, 2020.** Please email: fawscomputer@fatherandrewwhite.org and look for my response to confirm your request.

2. Materials Pick-Up - Friday, August 21, 2020

This Friday, August 21st, there will be a Materials Pick-Up for your child(ren). Parents will need to come to school to pick-up their child's books and materials, including any devices (Chromebook or iPad) you have requested. We ask that you pull up alongside the curb as you would for car rider drop-off/pick-up and a staff member will deliver the materials to you. For those of you who are new, this lane is on the right side of the school building (so if you are facing the building it's the side gym entrance on the RIGHT).

Please arrive according to the following schedule:

Family Last Name A-G, 10:00-10:30am

Family Last Name H-Z, 10:30-11:00am

If you are not available during the scheduled time, please contact Ms. Francisco at principal@fatherandrewwhite.org to make other arrangements.

For all families requesting an FAW device to borrow, you will be asked to sign an acknowledgement form before you take the device home.

Some login information will also be given to ensure you have your student's password to login to his/her Google account to access things like Google Meet and Google Classroom.

3. Back-to-School Virtual - Monday, August 24, 2020

For those families who prefer not to visit in-person tomorrow, you are invited to join the homeroom teacher for a virtual Back-to-School Google Meet on Monday, August 24th. This will give students and parents the opportunity to see their teacher(s) and receive a welcome back message. The Google Meet schedule for that day is as follows:

9:00am - Pre-K
9:30am - K
11:30am- 1st
12:00pm- 2nd
12:30pm- 3rd
1:00pm- 4th
1:30pm- 5th
2:00pm- 6th
2:30pm- 7th
3:00pm- 8th

Additional information for joining the Google Meet will be shared in a separate communication. If you are unavailable at the scheduled Google Meet time or if you have specific questions that pertain to just your child, please plan to contact the teacher(s) directly. You can find the email addresses for the teachers on the staff page of the website here: <http://fatherandrewwhite.org/our-school/staff/>

4. First Days of School - Tuesday, August 24, 2020 and Wednesday, August 25, 2020

In an effort to better help all of our distance learners I will be personally meeting with your children (via Google Meet). During these sessions I will go over important skills needed to navigate our learning platforms. We believe these sessions are crucial for your child's success this quarter. I will also be administering a formal assessment (Scantron in grades 2-8) that is necessary to gather information that will help the teachers better teach your child(ren) this year. More detailed information on these training/assessment sessions will be forthcoming. Please note: Your child will not be directly connecting to their homeroom teachers/classes during the first couple days of school. You will be receiving information soon that includes a schedule (and any password details) of when your child should be expected to login to connect to the class. More details to come later...

I want to thank you in advance for your overwhelming support and generous grace during this time. While we have done everything physically possible to acquire the necessary equipment and to train our staff, we do acknowledge that there may be some challenges where we will all need to be understanding while we work through everything. This way of learning and teaching is unlike anything we have ever done and I can promise you that we have been and will continue to work to help ensure we are all "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith!"

Respectfully,
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