



May 11, 2020

MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY

Good morning!

Trust you and your family are in good health. Happy Belated Mother's Day to your Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts and other influential women in your life. Hopefully you showed your appreciation yesterday ... and do so every day!

Today, is Day 1 in the revised Phase III distance learning schedule.

Let us begin this day in prayer.

MORNING PRAYER

We **PRAY** that our hearts may overflow with gratitude for the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. We **PRAY** for the doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals, many of them our parents, relatives, and alumni who serve as the front line of defense and put their own life in harm's way to care for those afflicted by this deadly disease. We **PRAY** for emergency and military personal, scientists searching for a cure, truck drivers and grocery store workers who keep the food supply chain going. There are many other everyday ordinary people doing extraordinary works of mercy and kindness, all of them unsung heroes. We **PRAY** for you, your families and your personal intentions in the silence of your heart.

The month of May in the Catholic Church is traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Together, we pray,

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen. St. Paul, pray for us!

Fr. Hector, Sr. Marie Benedict, Sr. Mary Mercy along with the golf and tennis teams will lead the rosary for this week's **Chapel Prayer Service** on Thursday (5/14) from 8:15 – 8:45 am. This is an opportunity for building community, praying together, and growing in our faith. Faculty, students and parents wishing to participate can respond to the weekly Zoom invitation.

CLASS OF 2020 END OF YEAR EVENTS

- As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve and Connecticut K-12 schools have now been closed through the end of the academic year, we anticipate formal guidelines to be announced by the Archdiocese of Hartford later today or tomorrow regarding the Baccalaureate Liturgy on Monday, June 1 and the Class of 2020 Commencement Exercises scheduled for Tuesday, June 2. These guidelines will also address other Senior Week events including the Prom, Senior Outing, etc.

While there will be some local discussions in planning end of the year activities consistent with the culture and traditions of each respective school, the guidelines will be the same for all four Archdiocesan high schools: East Catholic High School, Manchester; Northwest Catholic High School, West Hartford, Sacred Heart High School, Waterbury and St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol.

As I have stated previously, we will create a safe and appropriate experience to celebrate the Class of 2020 and all that you have accomplished during your high school career. Seniors and their parents will be receiving specific correspondence and instructions regarding end of the year events in the next few days.

ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT

- With the school closure, the Academic Awards Night, originally scheduled for this Wednesday, May 13 has been cancelled. We will be announcing all of the academic award recipients (i.e. Memorial and Community Awards, College Book Awards, Department Awards, etc.) in a special MMA on Monday, May 18. Students will receive their award packages in the mail or at the designated time they are assigned to return to school to clean out their lockers.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- Per the email you received last Friday afternoon, the revised Phase III schedule of distance learning begins today. Monday (5/11), Wednesday (5/13) and Friday (5/15) this week are Day 1.

DAY 1

9:00 – 9:40 AM	A Period
10:00 – 10:40 AM	B Period
11:00 – 11:40 AM	C Period
12:00 – 12:40 PM	D Period

Tuesday (5/12) and Thursday (5/14) are Day 2.

DAY 2

9:00 – 9:40 AM	E Period
10:00 – 10:40 AM	F Period
11:00 – 11:40 AM	G Period
12:00 – 12:40 PM	H Period

Please adjust to this class schedule change, be prepared beforehand, attend class on time, be in a proper workplace, and dress appropriately. It's important for you to practice good time management and keep up with your school work. Remember to reach out to your teachers and school counselors for guidance and support, at any time.

- **Online AP Exams begin today through Friday, May, 22, 2020.** We wish all our AP students much success ... relax and do your best! This week, the AP exams are:

○ Monday	4:00 pm	US Government & Politics
○ Tuesday	12:00 pm	Latin
	2:00 pm	Calculus
○ Wednesday	2:00 pm	English Literature & Composition
	4:00 pm	European History
○ Friday	2:00 pm	US History
	4:00 pm	Computer Science A

AP students will be waived of attending class or making up missed work on the scheduled day of their AP exam.

- **Next Thursday, May 21 is a Holy Day of Obligation – the Ascension of the Lord.** The celebration of the Eucharist will be offered for you and your families at 10:30 am from St. Gregory the Great Church. A link will be provided. Also, it will be a non-instructional day giving you the opportunity to get caught up with assignments, papers or projects.
- As previously announced, due to these unprecedented times and the fact that AP exams were rescheduled by the College Board through May 22, senior exams originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 19 – Friday, May 22 have been waived. **REVISED: Wednesday, May 20 (Day 2) will be the seniors last instructional day. You will have Thursday, May 21 and Friday, May 22 until 2:00 pm to finish and hand in any incomplete Fourth Quarter work.**
- **Monday, June 8 is the last instructional day for juniors, sophomores and freshmen.** Tuesday, June 9 – Friday, June 12 were originally scheduled for final exams. Similarly, with the announcement of school closure through the end of the academic year, a decision has been made to waive final exams for these grades. Students can use Tuesday, June 9 – Friday, June 12 to complete assignments, papers and projects or schedule a time to make up any missed quizzes or tests. Faculty will be available for extra help or 1:1 Zoom appointments during this time. **Grades will close for Fourth Quarter on Friday, June 12 at noon.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- As previously announced, due to the abrupt school closure on March 13 and social distancing guidelines imposed by Governor Lamont, community service hours to meet graduation requirements have been waived for the Class of 2020.
- Community service requirements for all other grades have been reduced to ten (10) hours for the 2019-2020 academic year. Therefore, you have satisfied your service requirement if you have completed/logged ten or more hours, either Faith in Action or Falcon hours during this school year. Those students who have not completed ten hours, to date, will be given a grace period of twelve months to complete the required 2019-2020 service hours along with their 2020-2021 fifteen (15) service hours and will not be placed on academic probation during this time.

LOCKER CLEAN OUT

- Specific instructions will be forthcoming for seniors to clean out their lockers, pick up their caps and gowns, receive their award packages, donate textbooks/uniforms, etc. during the week of May 25. All other students will be receiving a specific time window during the week of June 8 for you to similarly clean out your lockers, etc. In all cases, safe social distancing guidelines including wearing a mask/gloves and limiting entry numbers to five (5) students at a time will be enforced.

GUIDANCE

Just a reminder there is a mandatory form for seniors to fill out to let your school counselor know of your final college decision. <https://forms.gle/NtdxUxUx3S5agqvL6>

- If seniors need transcripts for scholarship applications, please email Mrs. Kilbourne at lkilbourne@spchs.com.

ATHLETICS

- With the news that Connecticut schools will be closed through the end of the academic year, the CIAC has announced cancelation of the spring high school athletic season. The CIAC empathizes with our school communities and the experiences lost due to COVID-19. Their focus is now on completing guidelines for summer contact and resocialization of CIAC sports in the fall.
- We will recognize and are planning a modified, alternative **“Senior Night”** experience during the week of May 25 for each spring season senior student-athlete and their parents consistent with safe social distancing guidelines and limited assembly. We will communicate specific plans later this week as they become finalized.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- In addition to other after school club virtual meetings, Student Government has scheduled two Zoom activities for this week. If interested in participating, be on the lookout for a Zoom invitation from Mrs. Kendrick.
 - **Art Presentation with AP Art students** on Tuesday (5/12) at 1:30 pm. Also come show your quarantined art work and get some ideas.
 - **Virtual Bingo Night** on Friday (5/15) from 7:00 – 7:45 pm. Limited to the first 30 students that sign-up.
- **Happy Birthday** wishes this week go to: Victoria Chandler, Nicholas Couillard, Olivia Hergott, Julianne Jalbert, Nicholas Jackson, Cody Jones, Abigail MacAllister, Zachary Oakes, Alexis Ruiz Olarte, Sean Rozmajzl, Stephanie Wills, Mr. Duffany and Senora LeBron-Rojas.

FR. HECTOR'S FINAL BLESSING

Happy Mother's Day!

May God bless all our dear mothers and members of the faculty and staff of Saint Paul's family!

In the Gospel appointed for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, Jesus teaches his followers, his disciples, that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He is the Way to the Father. He and the Father are One. That to have seen Him is to have seen the Father.

The Apostle Philip does not get it. He says, "show us the Father". Truths such as this require living faith. Living faith is a gift from the Lord. Have we asked for that kind of living faith? Now is the time to do so. This week we pray that our Lord Jesus opens our eyes and our hearts and gives us the gift of living faith.

Let us pray for one another. And finally, let us believe the words and the promise of Jesus Christ. Even during this crisis, He is at work, healing, delivering, and setting people free. The Father hears our prayers as we turn to Him, in the name of His Son and Our Savior. He sends forth the Holy Spirit to heal, inspire and give us hope in this time.

The Lord be with you ... and with you spirit.

May the Lord bless you and your families + *In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Have a beautiful week everyone!



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We Miss You

Thank you for your continued patience, understanding, trust and support as we move forward together. Take care of yourself and pray for each other. Make it a great week. Seniors lead us to A Period.

Stay safe ... be well.

Mr. Dupont '72
President/Chief Administrator