



## REMOTE LEARNING – Junior High

Hello from your junior high teaching team! We would like to introduce ourselves:



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7th and 8th Science  
8th Geometry  
Classes  
Elective Classes



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7th English  
Yearbook and Elective  
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8th English  
7th and 8th Pre-Algebra  
Elective Classes



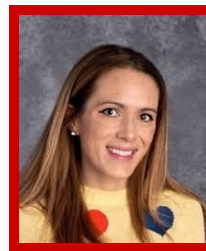
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7th and 8th Social Studies  
Elective Classes



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7th and 8th Religion  
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5th-8th Math  
Elective Classes

## 7th Grade

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30-8:45 Attendance and Homeroom</b>					
<b>1</b> 8:45-9:35	7A Science 7B Religion	7A Science 7B Spanish	Mass Perfect Uniform	7A Science 7B Religion	7A Science 7B Religion
<b>9:35-9:45 Break</b>					
<b>2</b> 9:45- 10:35	7A Religion 7B Science	7A Spanish 7B PE	7A PE 7B Science	7A Religion 7B Science	7A Religion 7B Science
<b>10:35-10:45 Break</b>					
<b>3</b> 10:45-11:30	7th Math	7th Math	7th Math	7th Math	7th Math
<b>11:30-12:30 LUNCH/ RECESS</b>					
<b>4</b> 12:30-1:20	7B SS 7A English	7B SS 7A English	7B SS 7A English	7B SS 7A English	7B Spanish 7A PE
<b>1:20 - 1:30 Break</b>					
<b>5</b> 1:30- 2:15	7B English 7A SS	7B English 7A SS	7B English 7A SS	7B English 7A SS	7A Spanish 7B PE
<b>2:15 - 2:20 Break</b>					
<b>6</b> 2:20- 3:00	7th HR SEL/ Enrichment/ Elective	7th HR SEL/ Enrichment/ Elective	7th HR Dismissal: 2:30	7th HR SEL/ Enrichment/ Elective	Small group work/student check-in

Wednesday School Mass: 8:45 - [www.vimeo.com/holyrosary](http://www.vimeo.com/holyrosary)

## 8th Grade

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30-8:45 Attendance and Homeroom</b>					
<b>1</b> 8:45- 9:35	<b>8B SS</b> <b>8A English</b>	<b>8B SS</b> <b>8A English</b>	<b>Mass</b> <b>Perfect</b> <b>Uniform</b>	<b>8B SS</b> <b>8A English</b>	<b>8B SS</b> <b>8A English</b>
<b>Break 9:35-9:45</b>					
<b>2</b> 9:45- 10:35	<b>8B English</b> <b>8A SS</b>	<b>8B English</b> <b>8A SS</b>	<b>8B Spanish</b> <b>8A Religion</b>	<b>8B English</b> <b>8A SS</b>	<b>8B English</b> <b>8A SS</b>
<b>10:35-10:45 Break</b>					
<b>3</b> 10:45- 11:30	<b>8A Science</b> <b>8B PE</b>	<b>8A Science</b> <b>8B Religion</b>	<b>8A Science</b> <b>8B Religion</b>	<b>8A Science</b> <b>8B Religion</b>	<b>8A Spanish</b> <b>8B PE</b>
<b>11:30-12:30 LUNCH/ RECESS</b>					
<b>4</b> 12:30- 1:20	<b>8th Math</b>	<b>8th Math</b>	<b>8th Math</b>	<b>8th Math</b>	<b>8th Math</b>
<b>1:20- 1:30 Break</b>					
<b>5</b> 1:30- 2:15	<b>8B Science</b> <b>8A PE</b>	<b>8B Science</b> <b>8A Religion</b>	<b>8B Science</b> <b>8A Spanish</b>	<b>8B Science</b> <b>8A Religion</b>	<b>8B Spanish</b> <b>8A PE</b>
<b>2:15-2:20 Break</b>					
<b>6</b> 2:20- 3:00	<b>8th HR SEL/ Enrichment Elective</b>	<b>8th HR SEL/ Enrichment Elective</b>	<b>8th HR Dismissal: 2:30</b>	<b>8th HR SEL/ Enrichment Elective</b>	<b>Small group work/student check in</b>

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## **WORKSPACE AND TECHNOLOGY:**

- Each student will have the option to check out their Chromebook to access online materials (i.e., online instruction, assignments, Google Classroom)
- Please assess whether your home has access to wifi and contact the school office if you need support.
- The first round of school supplies and materials are provided to you today. Additional pick up dates will be organized, depending on the duration of the remote learning program.
- We recommend that you create a dedicated workspace for your student. This will be where textbooks, supplies, technology are located. A dedicated physical space helps set a tone and a mindset for learning.

## **ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES:**

Please see the Holy Rosary School Family Handbook regarding the school's attendance policy. Attendance will be taken each morning in the remote learning environment at 8:30 am (see Class Schedule). Parents should contact the homeroom teacher **AND** the office ([office@holyrosaryws.org](mailto:office@holyrosaryws.org)) if a student is sick and unable to attend classes on a given day.

## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOR (PBIS) LEARNING EXPECTATIONS/ETIQUETTE:**

- **Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible**
- Establish daily routines for engaging in learning while following your grade's established schedule
- Identify a comfortable, quiet space in your home where you can work effectively and successfully (recommended at a desk or table)
- Regularly monitor your assigned work
- Be on time to class and follow the established PBIS Zoom classroom expectations.
- Turn in work by the required due dates
- Communicate proactively with your teachers if you cannot meet deadlines or require more support
- Collaborate and support your peers in their learning
- Follow academic expectations for your grade level and maintain high standards for thorough and quality work

We are...	Entering Class	Teacher-led Whole Group Instruction	One-on-One Instruction	Small-Group Activities (Breakout Rooms)
<b>Safe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose a distraction- free space</li> <li>Use equipment as intended</li> <li>Use kind words and faces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask in chat if you need help</li> <li>Use kind words and faces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use kind words and faces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage others to participate</li> <li>Use kind words and faces</li> </ul>
<b>Respectful</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Video on at all times</li> <li>Audio off</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Video on at all times</li> <li>Audio off</li> <li>Answer questions in chat box when asked</li> <li>Refrain from eating during class time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Video on at all times</li> <li>Audio on</li> <li>Listen attentively</li> <li>Answer questions out loud when asked</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Video on at all times</li> <li>Audio on</li> <li>One speaker at a time: wait or use chat to respond when others are talking</li> <li>Respect others' cultures, opinions, and viewpoints</li> </ul>
<b>Responsible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be on time and ready to learn</li> <li>Start class charged or plugged in</li> <li>Have materials ready</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raise your hand to speak or ask questions</li> <li>Be present – avoid multitasking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Try your best</li> <li>Be present – avoid multitasking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage each other to stay on topic</li> <li>Be present – avoid multitasking</li> </ul>

**ZOOM CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:** As a junior high team, our primary goal is the academic, spiritual, and social growth of our students. We plan to use our remote learning period to develop strong study and communication skills, and to maintain the high behavioral expectations that we require while in the classroom. Students will receive participation points for their attendance and focus during zoom lessons. Teachers will assess the following behaviors:

- Be on time for your classes.
- Have (and keep) your video on.
- Use the chat to communicate with teachers.
- Maintain focus and upright posture with good eye contact.
- Participate actively and respectfully during breakout room sessions.
- Keep your screen name your actual name.
- Stay to the very end of the lesson.

## **SCHOOLWORK/ASSIGNMENTS:**

The teaching emphasis during this remote time period will be on mastery of essential standards, those enduring standards that are critical at each grade level. School work will emphasize learning these essential standards and will be designed to practice and demonstrate mastery thereof.

A weekly outline will be provided for parents and students on Google Stream no later than Sunday night at 7:30pm. Parents will receive a Google Classroom summary email from Google. Any material posted by the teacher is required content and should be started during the designated class period and completed by the specified due date.

During this remote learning time, the emphasis will be on completing classwork during the designated class time whenever possible. Additional homework will be limited and will primarily be assigned if students need to finish classwork from the day, or to complete/study for tests, to study spelling words, memorize math facts, ongoing projects, etc. Students are encouraged to read daily outside of class hours.

Students and parents should check Google Classroom and ALMA for progress on grades.

## **SUPPLIES AND SPECIFIC GRADE LEVEL RESOURCES:**

Your child will be provided supplies and specific grade level resources for remote instruction. Your child will utilize both print and electronic resources to support remote instruction from home. You will find a list of the resources, including the logins and passwords for each below:

<b><i>Language Arts</i></b>
<u>Collections</u> (textbook and online at <a href="http://my.hrw.com">my.hrw.com</a> )
<u>Close Reader</u> workbook (consumable)
<u>Vocabulary Workshop</u> Textbook (Scan QR Code in each unit for additional online resources)
IXL (extra online grammar and literature practice)

<b><i>Math</i></b>
Textbook - <i>Accelerated Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, or Geometry</i>
<a href="http://connected.mcgraw-hill.com/school/t7d6">http://connected.mcgraw-hill.com/school/t7d6</a>
Mr. Ritscher's Youtube channel (Algebra and Geometry videos): See Google Classroom.
ALEKS.com

<b>Social Studies</b>
Textbook- <i>The American Journey</i> Glencoe McGraw-Hill
Upfront - upfrontmagazine.com
Study.com

<b>Science</b>
We will use a variety of teacher provided and online materials.

<b>Religion</b>
Textbook: <i>Alive in Christ</i>
Bible, hard copy or online <i>New American Standard</i> translation preferred

**GRADING:**

Holy Rosary School is implementing a new Student Information System (ALMA) during the 2020-21 school year.

- In grades 7 and 8, grades will be posted weekly in ALMA, based on formative and summative assessments.
- Junior high students will receive percentage and letter grades for all core classes, Spanish, PE and elective classes.
- The elective program will begin Sept. 28 and will be graded for active participation and enthusiasm.
- Late work will be accepted until the end of the trimester for a reduced grade.
- We will continue our trimester grade schedule with our usual deadlines (see school calendar for mid-trimester and report card distribution dates.)

**Grade Distribution for Junior High:**

A+	100 - 97	B+	89.9 - 87	C+	79.9 - 77	D+	69.9 - 67
A	96.9 - 93	B	86.9 - 83	C	76.9 - 73	D	66.9 - 63
A-	92.9 - 90	B-	82.9 - 80	C-	72.9 - 70	D-	62.9 - 60
						F	59.9 & below

## **COMMUNICATION:**

- Please communicate directly with grade level or subject specific teachers with questions regarding remote learning. Additional support is available beyond the grade level teacher by contacting Vice Principal Extraordinaire, Ted Mohrbacher ([tmohrbacher@holyroaryws.org](mailto:tmohrbacher@holyroaryws.org)), or Principal Anna Horton ([ahorton@holyroaryws.org](mailto:ahorton@holyroaryws.org)). Technology questions should be directed to Jon Barker ([jbarker@holyroaryws.org](mailto:jbarker@holyroaryws.org)) and questions regarding materials, supplies, health issues, or attendance should be directed to [office@holyroaryws.org](mailto:office@holyroaryws.org).
- *We are asking staff to generally stay off email after 4:30pm Monday-Thursday until 8:00am the following day. All emails will be returned within a timely manner. Emails sent over the weekend will typically be responded to on Monday.*

We are asking students and families to do the same. Unplugging, making time for exercise, family, nutrition, fun, prayer and mindful activities will be critical during this time.

## **From The Junior High Team:**

As we begin our school year remotely, we dedicate ourselves to modeling enthusiasm for learning, perseverance in the face of challenges, and positive attitudes while missing the classroom contact with your children. While school may look different, our goal of providing our students with an academically rigorous, Catholic education remains the same.

The following principles are the basis for our remote and hybrid classrooms:

- Remain rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and our Holy Rosary mission.
- Provide an excellent, holistic, rigorous education.
- Promote innovation, collaboration, and organization.
- Empower our students to grow as leaders and intentional thinkers.
- Develop a culture of connectivity and community.
- Ensure academic integrity and accountability.
- Build resilience, flexibility, and adaptability.

We look forward to teaming with you on a great school year!