

This time of distance learning has created some unique circumstances. These circumstances require novel responses. The Catholic Schools Office has advised us that we will not be utilizing traditional grades and traditional reports cards during this time of distance learning, namely, the fourth quarter. The following outlines how our faculty will continue to communicate about the students' progress with our students and families

Grade PK-4

Teachers in grades PK-4 will continue to give credit, affirmation, and feedback to everything that students turn in via Google Classroom, email, online video conferencing, etc. This feedback may come in the forms of numeric grades, completion grades, typed or recorded comments, live conferences, etc.

Grades 5-8

Teachers in grades 5-8 will continue to give credit, affirmation, and feedback to everything that students turn in via Google Classroom, email, online video conferencing, etc. This feedback may come in the forms of numeric grades, completion grades, typed or recorded comments, live conferences, etc. Additionally, teachers will continue to utilize Powerschool as a tool to communicate with parents about student progress.

As stated above, during this time of distance learning, we will not be utilizing traditional grading practices. Therefore, when parents log-in to Powerschool, *they should ignore the grade in the first column*, as this will no longer be a fair or honest representation of the student's progress. Instead, parents should pay attention to the columns that follow, which list the individual assignments and the grade teachers have assigned to them. These will give a better idea about what the student has accomplished and their level of understanding during this time. A few notes about what may appear on Powerschool:

- If there is a numeric value in the score box for an assignment, it means the student has turned in the assignment and the teacher has provided feedback.
- If a box is marked as "Exempt," it means the teacher and student have agreed that the particular assignment cannot or should not be completed. This may be because of technology, time, or other constraints brought about by distance learning.
- If a box is marked as "Missing," it means the student has not turned in the particular assignment, but still could in order to receive feedback from the teacher.

Also during this time of distance learning, teachers will not be taking away points from assignments because they are deemed "late," as the challenges that come with distance learning require a great deal of flexibility and understanding. Also, missing assignments will be marked as such, not assigned a value of "0."