

SPSL Weekly Distance Learning Newsletter

April 17, 2020



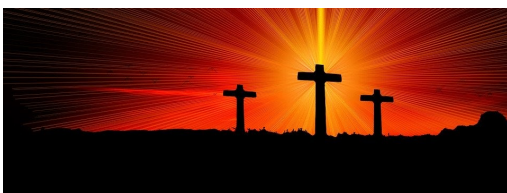
Distance Learning Developments:

Grading: Many parents and students have been asking about grades during our time of distance learning. The Catholic Schools Office has given the guidance that schools will not be utilizing traditional grades or report cards during this time of distance learning. Our administration and teachers have put together how they will continue to offer feedback to our students and their parents. We have added that information to our [Distance Learning Plan \(DLP\)](#). This is a great example of how the DLP continues to be a fluid document that we adjust with the circumstances and challenges distance learning brings. (Click [here](#) to be taken to the section on grading.) Please look out for more communication and updates on how 4th quarter report cards and end-of-the-year feedback will look.

Thank you for your patience!

Youth Frontiers Online Event: Looking for something fun and uplifting to do with the family? Youth Frontiers, a company that has provided retreats for students in grades 5 and 7, will be hosting a free online virtual event on April 30th at 7pm. Gather your family together for this time of connection, encouragement, and inspiration. The event is designed to bring educators, students, and communities together during this unique time in our country, so feel free to invite your colleagues, school families, and friends. Find out more information [here](#).

Faith and Family:



Need a break to foster your relationship with God, but just can't seem to find the time? Three-Minute Retreats offer a brief reflection you can do alone or with your family. Learn more [here](#).

Technology Information:

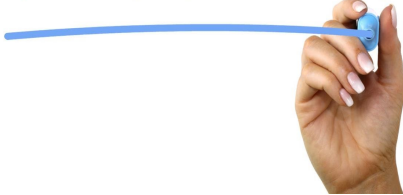
Online Video Conferencing: Hopefully you received and filled out the “SPSL Online Video Parental Permission Form.” One tool SPSL is using is called “Zoom.” It allows people to see and talk in real-time from a computer, tablet, or phone. Teachers have been using this for meetings with each and their classes. For more information about “Zoom,” you can check out their website [here](#).



If you did not fill out the form, you can still do so [here](#)

A Word from Our Counselors:

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Click on the links below to see videos from our counselors. This week, Mr. Keogh talks about stress and offers some ways for families to deal with it.

Video 1 - [Mr. Keogh Talks about Stress](#)

Video 2 - [Three Ways to Deal with Stress from Mr. Keogh](#)

If you are interested in learning more, here are some things you could look into:

- [Stop and Think from Dr. Patricia Newman](#)
- [Ideas and Activities from "Friendzy," a Social-Emotional Learning website](#)
- [Information about the Coronavirus form Harvard Health](#)

(Just a note, parents should always review materials before sharing them with children.)

And don't forget, Mr. Keogh and Mrs. Jurgens-Byam are available to talk with ANY of our families. Their contact information is:

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Happening Next Week:

April 19: We would have celebrated our Second Graders' First Communion today. We are still praying for those students and look forward to the rescheduled date to be determined in the future.

April 22: Administrative Assistant's Day

April 24: Staff Appreciation Day

Looking for a Smile?

(from <https://us15.campaign-archive.com/?u=eb84c39a4fd0dc694c49749fe&id=888cf02c8f>)

“To keep taking photos during social distancing, photographer Dave Puente created a ‘Porchtraits’ series in which takes free photos of families on their front porches. He's taken photos for nearly 150 families over the last two weeks.”