

Hello, Middle School Social Studies and Math!!

In Social Studies and Math, whether we are in person or distance learning, we will have an identical structure. Please know that everything in the Middle School Social Studies and Math Distance Learning Plan mirrors the School Distance Learning Plan and includes information specific to Social Studies and Math. Keep in mind, that as the year goes on, changes may need to be made and any amendments will be communicated to you.

TECHNOLOGY USAGE: All middle school students will use a school owned and managed Chromebook for their usage in a 1:1 format.

- ❖ All middle school social studies and math students will utilize the Google platform for their primary means of distance learning instruction, email and communications with staff and posting of assignments.

- 6th Grade Math Google Classroom Code: p3jgzig
- 6th Grade Social Studies Google Classroom Code: okmqts3
- 7th Grade Math Google Classroom Code: rddclf2
- 7th Grade Social Studies Google Classroom Code: mr3bwwp
- 8th Grade Math Google Classroom Code: ealqhpq
- 8th Grade Social Studies Google Classroom Code: 2zstkc4

- ❖ All middle school faculty and students will utilize the Zoom platform for their primary means of distance learning “real-time” or “synchronous” instruction.

- 6th Grade Math Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8985798289?pwd=cEkxbGZvRXV3eXZ1TIZ1TWFoNGg3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 898 579 8289

Passcode: Math 6

- 6th Grade Social Studies Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72925366098?pwd=ejl1VTRaYjNtTGZdzhJWEVXUVNpQT09>

Meeting ID: 729 2536 6098

Passcode: History6

- 7th Grade Math Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71393955276?pwd=bUQ3R2FGSmZTVHZndTdpZ1VZdTdsZz09>

Meeting ID: 713 9395 5276

Passcode: Math7

- 7th Grade Social Studies Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76011929186?pwd=NnN4clFYdG0wQmhaaDFvRkJUQTFiQT09>

Meeting ID: 760 1192 9186

Passcode: History7

- 8th Grade Math Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71323511577?pwd=TUJaR3d0UHZWZW5ZR0hvN1Y2UG1rQT09>

Meeting ID: 713 2351 1577

Passcode: Math8

- 8th Grade Social Studies Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78956420118?pwd=RGllaTVab2p2dlQvNm5QV1pGbDRzZz09>

Meeting ID: 789 5642 0118

Passcode: History8

- ❖ **STUDENTS MUST LEAVE THEIR GOOGLE CLASSROOM “NOTIFICATIONS” SET TO “ON”!!!!**
- ❖ **OFFICE HOURS – ALL ST. ROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS.....**

NOTE: Prior to the teacher admitting students to the virtual office hours and for the duration of the office hours, there must be a minimum of two people (not including the teacher) in attendance.

NOTE: Teacher/Student office hours are for the students; please see below for information on Teacher/Parent office hours which are for the parents.

➤ Social Studies Teacher/Student Office Hours:

- **On the 2nd blue day of the week**

Social Studies office hours are from 12:05 – 12:35

➤ Math Teacher/Student Office Hours:

- **On the 2nd white day of the week**

Math office hours are from 9:30 – 10:00

Teacher/Parent Office Hours: Middle School teachers will offer a 30 minute of “parent/teacher” office hours during each school week. This is a time for parents to touch base with their student’s teacher(s) not for student tutoring and/or help.

These office hours will be available via appointment and parents may also request an appointment outside of this scheduled block.

- Social Studies and Math Office Hours will be available for sign up **Wednesdays 2:00 – 3:30**. Please email me if this time does not work for you and you need to speak to me.

Faculty and Family Communication Expectations: During a distance learning model, the primary method of communication between families and teachers/staff will be via the faculty member's St. Rose Catholic School Gmail account and the family's email account as listed on the registration information.

- Students are expected to be the initial contact with teachers. If more information is needed after the initial contact with the student, parents are encouraged to reach out for additional information or clarification.
- **ALL ONLINE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL.**
- Teachers will provide students and families with a digital version of expected work and assignments. These will be located on the Google Platform. We are working on connecting parents to our Google Classroom this year.

Student/Teacher Virtual In-Person Instruction Expectations:

- **Real-Time virtual classroom or Synchronous instruction (live, interactive instruction):** *Session where students are actively engaged in educational activities with classmates and teachers. Students remain visible in the virtual classroom with cameras always set to "on".*
- **Classroom work time or Asynchronous instruction (independent work):** *Students receive, post, or turn in assignments. Students are not actively engaged with teachers. This instruction provides a learning environment that does not require teachers and students to be online at the same time. As teachers, students, and families are all working on*

various childcare and work schedules, this is an essential part of the distance learning program.

- **In Social Studies and Math, days will usually be broken into a session of Synchronous instruction (*session 1*) and a session of Asynchronous instruction (*session 2*).**

Zoom Etiquette and Online Expectations: In following our mission and teachings, all students are required to follow a code of conduct while engaged in classroom Zoom sessions.

- All Zoom profiles must be identified with, at a minimum, the student's first name and ideally the last name.

For the safety of all students, students will not be admitted from the waiting room and into the virtual classroom without proper identification.

- Upon entering the virtual classroom, video must be turned on, the student must be visible, and no virtual backgrounds are present. Students are required to set audio to mute, and only "unmute" if called upon by the teacher.

Students must not exit the virtual classroom or leave their device until dismissed by the teacher.

- Students must be dressed in appropriate attire and seated at a desk or table.

Students who are not dressed appropriately or are walking around with the device will be removed from the classroom.

Think of this as the school free dress policy at school. If you can't wear it in class, you shouldn't wear it on Zoom. (For example, no hats.)

- Pet animals, toys, food, siblings, etc. are not to be brought into the virtual classroom.....unless specified by the teacher.

NOTE: *Virtual classrooms are for the students and teachers. Parents who have questions may schedule a meeting with the teachers during Teacher/Parent Office Hours.*

- **All online discussions should be respectful.**
- Students who are disruptive will be warned once and then the 2nd time will be removed from the class. Parents will be emailed about disruptive behavior.

DAILY SCHEDULE:

- Middle School grade level teachers and students will meet by the class subject on alternating school days. Students are required to be on Zoom at the beginning of the class period, remain visible to the teacher in the virtual classroom with camera set to “on”, and participating in class lessons and discussions. Students will be required to stay on Zoom until the teacher dismisses them at the end of the synchronous teaching session. Teachers will stay online until the end of the scheduled class session to support students who have questions or need additional help.
- Math will meet on --
 - White Day:
 - Period 1: 8:00 – 9:15 {6th Grade}
 - Period 3: 10:50 – 12:00 {8th Grade}
 - Period 4: 12:05 – 1:15 {7th Grade}
- Social Studies will meet on –
 - Blue Day:
 - Period 5: 8:00 – 9:15 {6th Grade}
 - Period 6: 9:20 – 10:30 {8th Grade}
 - Period 7: 10:50 – 12:00 {7th Grade}

Grading and Assessment: Middle School grade level faculty will resume utilizing the grading scale and weighting used before our Spring 2020 long term dismissal. The grading scale, as mandated by the Diocese of Monterey, is located in our Saint Rose Catholic School Parent Handbook.

➤ **GRADE WEIGHTING**

- Tests/Quizzes: 35% of overall grade in class

This will include Unit Performance Tasks and any Midterms/Finals

- Homework: 25% of overall grade in class

This will include independent work, notebook and textbook work.

- Participation: 20% of overall grade in class

This will include attendance, active participation in virtual class sessions, class discussion posts and following appropriate Zoom etiquette.

- Projects: 20% of overall grade in class.

This will include mapping activities and simulations.

➤ Grades will be updated online weekly by 5:00 PM on the first school day of each week.

➤ Please note that the assignments will not show up in Google Classroom until our session begins. Assignments are due by 8:00 AM the FOLLOWING SCHOOL DAY; UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

➤ Questions that require a written response should be written in complete sentences and should always restate the question. Spelling, grammar, and punctuation do count. Make sure your response is easy to read. Most written responses will be done on worksheets or on your Chromebook.

➤ If asked to upload a photo, be sure to upload clear photos of your work to the Google Classroom assignment. If you are having a hard time getting a photo to load, first try to attach it to a Google Doc or Google Slide. Next, make

sure that you email me to let me know. Please do not email me your assignments, they will likely get lost. We will brainstorm together how to post on Google Classroom.

- While not recommended, late work can be turned in one day after the scheduled due date, as stated in our 2020 – 2021 Middle School Handbook.
- St. Rose Catholic School’s quarterly Honor Roll will resume again, as stated in our 2020 – 2021 Middle School Handbook.

DISTANCE LEARNING “PREPARATION DAY”: In place of a “Welcome Back Meet and Greet” or “Back to School Night”. All middle school teachers will host a “Student and Parent Distance Learning Preparation Day”. Students in grades 6 – 8 and their parents will need to attend one of two opportunities for the virtual Distance Learning Preparation Day.

- Thursday, August from 9:00 – 11:00 AM
- Thursday, August 20 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM

CLASSROOM MATERIALS

- Social Studies and Math materials will be available for pick up on August 24th.

6th Grade Social Studies has *Ancient Civilizations* textbook and Course 1 (vols. 1 & 2) for Math.

7th Grade Social Studies has *Medieval and Early Modern Times* textbook and Course 2 (vols. 1 & 2) for Math.

8th Grade Social Studies has *United States History & Geography* textbook and Course 3 (vols. 1 & 2) for Math.

- ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED TO A NOTEBOOK FOR NOTES AND A 3-RING BINDER TO KEEP HANDOUTS AND COPIES OF THEIR ASSESSMENTS AND HOMEWORK.

