



OUR SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Our Shepherd School Families,

As we enter our first week of home-based learning I want to assure all of you that we will support you and your student(s) anyway that we can during an unprecedented time.

All K-8th students are expected to participate in the home-based learning assignments from the classroom teacher.

- These assignments may have already been physically sent home on Friday, they may be shared online via email, Google Classroom, or SeeSaw, or a combination of both.
- If you were absent on Friday, your teacher may have communicated that you have physical books to pick up at school. These are available during normal hours in the office. Items not picked up will be delivered to students' homes tomorrow.
- Attendance will be recorded for all students during home-based learning. If your child is ill and will not be able to complete their daily work, please call the school office and speak to Mrs. Russell or leave a voicemail for her so that we can record an excused absence.
- Teachers will communicate assignments and expectations by 9 am each day and they will be available for direct help until 4 pm.
- We will all take a break to rest during our regularly scheduled Spring Break.
- The week of March 30th, students will have an extended break while teachers participate in professional development and planning in order to make sure that learning for all students whether continued home-based or school-based is done with consistency of instruction, expectation, and quality. While we hope and pray to return to school-based instruction on April 6th, we will be proactively planning for any additional home-based instruction and family support.
- Both [Spectrum](#) and [Comcast](#) are offering free Internet service to families without access.
- We have a limited number of Chromebooks that we will be able to loan families who do not have a device for online learning. Please contact Mrs. Hedges directly via email principal@ourshepherd.org

Early childhood families, the teachers will be in communication to support you and your child with developmentally and instructionally appropriate materials, resources, and support. As early childhood is not mandated by the state of Indiana you are exempt from required home-based learning, however, we desire to continue to support your child and your family during this extended time away from school.

If you are in need of other support services please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We will reach out to local agencies to help provide for family needs as best we can.

For the immediate future, the school and church office will remain open during regular business hours. Any changes to this will be communicated. All extra-curricular activities will be postponed or

canceled, including field trips, athletics, walk-a-thon, etc. As we plan out the rest of the school year we will communicate updated plans for the Chicago and Mackinaw trips planned for our older students as we learn more information.

As more information becomes available over the coming days and weeks, we will keep you updated. As a Christian community, we have the opportunity to lead by example by how we treat and serve one another. Always remember that the Lord is with us and he will see us through this challenging time.

In His Service,

Amy Hedges

Principal