

### ***How do I keep my child (and myself) relaxed and calm during digital learning?***

While we recognize that digital learning is not ideal, the HFCS staff is committed to providing the best instruction possible during this time. Teachers are committed to starting the year off by supporting students transition to this new school format. The first few weeks of school will be primarily spent building positive classroom communities. We will also use this time to help students navigate learning platforms (SeeSaw & Google Classroom), understand where and how to turn in assignments, and establish general grade level expectations. We believe these first few weeks will create a strong foundation for students to be successful throughout the year. That being said, we know students (and parents) may become frustrated at some point. When this happens, take a breath, if necessary, take a break, and when in doubt, contact your student's teacher.

### ***Where can I find my student's schedule?***

Hard copies of these schedules were given to students during School Supply Pickup. Schedules have also been emailed to families in our Back to School letters. Student schedules will also be posted online for students/parents to see via SeeSaw or Google Classroom.

### ***Is attendance required for live Zoom lessons?***

Yes! We'd love to see all of our students attend live lessons on Zoom. This will ensure they see their teachers' and classmates' faces and get the most out of the distance learning experience.

### ***Is attendance required for morning meetings?***

Yes! This will allow each teacher to take attendance by 9:00 am. This will also be a time for students to pray together and get any announcements they need to be successful each day.

### ***What if my child can't attend a Zoom meeting?***

If you know your child will not be able to attend a Zoom meeting, please let the teacher know in advance. If a teacher knows a child can not attend a Zoom meeting, they may record the meeting and make it available for the student to review.

### ***Why are Zoom meetings mandatory?***

We have thought seriously about the best distance learning experience for your students. The live meetings that we are offering are intentional and designed to meet your individual student's needs. Research shows that children are more engaged and learn better when they interact with their teachers and classmates "in the moment" rather than through email. We hope that live lessons will supplement distance learning in lieu of normal instruction and provide more thoughtful interactions between students and teachers.

### ***Do students have to wear their uniforms?***

Yes! Students should be wearing uniform shirts or sweatshirts. Uniform exchange is open if you are in need of new polos or other uniform clothing. Please contact [office@holypfamilypdx.net](mailto:office@holypfamilypdx.net) to find a time to enter the school.

### ***Why the more structured schedule this year?***

We hope a more structured schedule will aid students in their executive functioning and help them practice their time management. Logistically, a structured schedule helps teachers be more available to their students. Right now we all need consistency and stability. We hope that this schedule provides predictability for you and your child(ren) and increases the feeling of safety during this unique time.

### ***How does my child get on Zoom?***

Each teacher has a personal Zoom link that has been shared with students and parents. If you need help getting a teacher's Zoom link, please email your child's teacher. Each teacher's Zoom link will be used for all of their Zoom sessions (ex. Mrs. Spatz will have the same Zoom link for all classes, morning meetings, office hours, and Lunch Bunch).

### ***Do I need to pick up hard copies for any lessons? How often do I need to pick them up?***

All teachers will provide hard copies of assignments necessary for students during the first two weeks of school at the School Supply Pickup on September 10th & 11th. Look for more information in the future on collecting hard copies of assignments from your student's homeroom teacher.

### ***What if my child needs extra help?***

Teachers will communicate to families what their additional Study Hall and Office Hour times are. When in doubt, email your child's homeroom teacher to find out when they are available to give additional help via Zoom.

### ***Where do I check my child's grades? How often will grades be updated?***

Our online grading system is Jupiter Ed. Teachers have shared Jupiter Ed login information with families for grades 4-8. Grades will be updated within 1 week of the due date. Late assignments will be graded within 1 week of when the assignment was turned in.

### ***How do I get into contact with my child's teacher?***

You can always reach teachers by email. Teachers will reply within 24 hours. In order to promote a healthy work-life balance, teachers may choose not to give out their phone numbers to parents. If a parent wishes to speak with a teacher, they can email the teacher to set up a Zoom conference. Teachers will respond to emails between 8:00am - 4:00pm.

**\*\*Note: Teachers' emails have been changed from last year. Please look on our [website](#) for current email addresses.**

### ***Are the kids getting PE? Are they getting graded?***

Yes; however, they will not be having PE live lessons. Students will receive a Bingo Sheet designed by Mrs. Schenk of activities for them to complete each week. Students will be graded Pass/Fail.

### ***Are the kids getting Art? Are they getting graded?***

Yes! All students will have Art class with the amazing Mrs. Mitchoff. They will have an art assignment posted on Seesaw/Google Classroom every Monday with a pre-recorded lesson from Mrs. Mitchoff. Students will have a live Zoom meeting with Mrs. Mitchoff every other week to share their art projects. Students will be graded on the grading scale: Exceeds Expectations, Meets Expectations, Progressing, Not Meeting Expectations.

Middle school students will have Art for one trimester.

6th - 1st Trimester

7th - 2nd Trimester

8th - 3rd Trimester

### ***Will there be Rotation classes offered this year for middle school students?***

Rotations, or elective classes, will not be offered during distance learning. Rotation classes will resume once we are back in the building.

### ***Where can my child find their assignments online?***

All K-2 assignments will be posted on your child's Seesaw account by 8:00 am.

Students in grades 3-8 can find all of their assignments on each teacher's Google Classroom by 8:00 am.

Important documents, links, and announcements will be included on Google Classroom.

### ***How much time should my child spend working on assignments each day?***

Each student is unique in their learning. The following times are estimates, not requirements, of how long each grade level will spend working on assignments each day. These times include instruction and independent work time.

- Kinder - about 2.5 hours each day
- 1st - about 2.5 hours each day
- 2nd - about 4 hours each day
- 3rd - about 4-5 hours each day
- 4th - about 5 hours each day
- 5th - about 5 hours each day
- 6th-8th - about 5-6 hours each day working

### ***How are you supporting students socially and emotionally?***

Teachers understand digital learning can be a stress on student's social and emotional development. We hope to include various mindfulness techniques in our live lessons. Teachers will also be hosting Lunch Bunches with students to help build positive communities. During live lessons and lunches with students, teachers will foster age appropriate discussions. We are continuing to come up with new ways where students can interact with each other in a safe way.

### ***Where do I turn in late assignments?***

Students in grades K-2 will turn in Late Assignments to their SeeSaw accounts. Students in grades 3-8 will turn in late assignments to their Google Classrooms. Students are NOT to email teachers their late assignments.

### ***What technology do I need to be successful?***

Students in grades K-2 are advised to use an iPad or Tablet. Students in 3-8 are advised to have a laptop/computer or an iPad with a keyboard and a camera. When Middle School students are taking art, we would also recommend they have access to an iPad or tablet. If you need to borrow a chromebook or iPad from HFCS, please email [jgalati@holyfamilypdx.net](mailto:jgalati@holyfamilypdx.net) or [mdefrancia@holyfamilypdx.net](mailto:mdefrancia@holyfamilypdx.net).

### ***What if I have technological issues?***

If you experience issues with technology, please contact your student's teacher as soon as you can.

### ***Can I go on vacation while digital learning?***

We encourage students to attend school, including live lessons, as much as possible. If your family is planning to go on vacation where there will be internet access, teachers will expect students to be online. If your family is planning to go on vacation where you know you will not have internet access, please notify your student's teacher in advance. As per the HFCS handbook, teachers will not provide work for students to complete ahead of time. Students who are unable to be online will be marked absent.

### ***How can I build community with my classroom parents?***

We know that it takes a village to raise a child. Especially if you are new to the HFCS community and are looking to connect with other families, please reach out to the Room Parent of your student's class. If you do not know who your Room Parent is, please contact [office@holyfamilypdx.net](mailto:office@holyfamilypdx.net)

***Will there be opportunities for our children to meet face-to-face in a safe way?***

Our number one priority is keeping students, our staff, and our community safe. We are exploring opportunities for students to meet face-to-face in a safe way. Please look to your student's homeroom teacher for more information, or contact them if you have any ideas.

***Is there going to be Mass? Is it mandatory for my child to attend?***

Mass will be held every Wednesday at 12:00. All students are highly encouraged to watch Mass. Middle School students are required to watch Mass. Information on how mass will be streamed will be provided in the first week of school.

***When will we go back to school in person?***

Our number one priority is keeping students, our staff, and our community safe. Right now, we will be digitally learning until at least mid October. On October 16th, HFCS will re-evaluate Multnomah County's metrics and will communicate to families our next steps.

***What does the hybrid model look like?***

When it is safe, HFCS will return to school in a hybrid model. This will include students being put into learning cohorts that will come to school two days per week (Mon & Tue or Thur & Fri), and learn remotely for 3 days per week. HFCS will communicate these plans at least one week ahead of time so families can be prepared.

If your FAQ is not answered here please contact [office@holyfamilypdx.net](mailto:office@holyfamilypdx.net) or your child's teacher.