



September 8th, 2020

Ignite Hope: One Light, Many Candles!

*"What I try to tell young people is that if you come together with a mission, and it's grounded with love and a sense of community, you can make the impossible possible." -
John Lewis*

Welcome back to school! It was so wonderful getting to know your students this past week. We will continue our virtual learning procedures this week. This week is packed with exciting learning activities! Here's where we're headed this week in the classroom:

This week in **Reading & Writing**, we will continue assessing their spelling skills, grammar conventions, and reading strategies. In **Reading**, we will be working on learning new vocabulary words throughout informational, non-fiction texts. **Our Summer Book Reports are due on Friday, September 11th.** As a nightly practice, the students will be expected to complete at LEAST 25 minutes of reading. In **Writing**, students will be taking a **Language Assessment in Moby Max that will be due on Friday, September 11th.**

In **Science** we will begin our first unit on how organic matter cycles through our living world in systems of interdependent parts. Many of our lessons will focus on ecology and will help the students develop the idea that plants, animals, and fungi form a system of interdependent parts, with each part dependent on the other parts for its material nourishment.

In **Religion** this week we will begin discussing our hopes for the upcoming year as a class. We will also be reviewing our Essential Agreements and they will be sent out at the beginning of next week.

In **Math**, we will continue to evaluate the skills of the students with more assessments. Each student will complete an assessment on MobyMax. This will help guide the student to practice specific skills that they need to work on at their own level. *This week students will be expected to complete their Math Assessment on MOBYMAX by Friday, September 11th.*

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – No School
- **Tuesday** – Back to School Night Presentations via Zoom @ 6:30 pm (link sent via email)
- **Wednesday** – normal virtual day
- **Thursday** – Virtual Mass of the Holy Spirit (via Zoom with Ms. Bakamis - **Mass Link**) @ 9:30 am, Back to School Night Presentations via Zoom @ 6:30 pm (link sent via email)
- **Friday** – Mental Health Day (see Thursday Packet for more instructions), MobyMax Assessment due in Math & Language, Summer Book Report due

Upcoming Important Dates:

- *Wednesday, September 17th – Parents Club Meeting Via Zoom*
- *Monday - Friday, September 11th - October 16th – MAP TESTING*
- *Friday, September 25th - Free Dress Day, Family Drive-in Movie Night (details coming soon from Parents' Club)*
- *Thursday - Friday, October 22nd & 23rd - IB Authorization Team for MYP*
- *Wednesday, October 28th - Proposed date for St. Luke-A-Thon and TRUNK or TREAT*
- *Thursday - Friday, October 29th & 30th - IB Authorization Team for PYP*