



St. Boniface School Parent Newsletter

August 2020

Lafayette Catholic Schools Mission Statement

Lafayette Catholic Schools, centered in Jesus Christ, educates the whole person in a culture that is:

- Sustained by Gospel witness and service,
- Imbued with a Catholic worldview,
- Supported by a community of faith,
- Distinguished by academic excellence,
- Committed to student success.

St Boniface School

prepares students to be:

- Knowledgeable citizens of this world,
- Acting for the true, the good, and the beautiful,
- Thus fulfilling their destiny to become saints.

Welcome to St. Boniface School.

SAFETY PLAN

All during the summer, the St. Boniface Faculty and Staff met weekly to develop and review in great detail the St. Boniface/LCSS plan to provide the greatest amount of safety for your child and you. This plan is posted on the St. Boniface website and is attached to this bulletin.

ACADEMIC PLAN

We also met on a weekly basis to develop the best academic instruction within uncertain times. We realize that students will be returning with more variations of ability levels than normal. We need to prepare for each child. This includes in-person teaching within the classroom, digital resources, online instruction and live streaming. Each of these methods require intense training and time to become familiar with recommended programs. Having an extra week of professional preparation for the faculty and staff was necessary.

INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN

The following programs will be used in grades 4 to 6 at St. Boniface and St. Lawrence Schools.

1. Organize Learning

Schoology will be introduced to the students. It is one system which delivers lessons, organizes classes, records, grades and provides two-way communication.

2. Access Student's Knowledge

NWEA is a diagnostic test to indicate individual skills

3. Promote Student Learning based on individual skills

ALEKS is used for Math

Moby Max is used for English/Reading

4. Provide Student Practice

iXL for Math, ELA and Spelling City

5. Check for Student Mastery of State Standards

Mastery Connect – Skills required by the State

School Begins at 8:00 A.M.

Students may arrive at school no earlier than 7:30 a.m. They wait quietly on the bleachers in the gym. When the first bell rings at 7:50, the students go to their classroom, unpack their belongings and begin their “morning work”. At 8:00 the second bell rings and class promptly begins.



All assignment notebooks are donated by Tim Powers of School Datebooks Inc. His company continues to be very generous to us. These notebooks correspond to the assignment chart posted in all homerooms. The students are expected to write their daily assignments and show this notebook to their parents as a means of coordinating home and school.

PARENT & STUDENT HANDBOOK

The Parent & Student Handbook has revisions and contains important information. Parents and students sign the statement attached to the handbooks and **return this form to school by Wednesday, August 26, 2020.**

School Ends at 3:00 P.M.

At 3:00 p.m. from Tuesday through Friday students are dismissed. Only on Monday at 2:30 p.m. the students are dismissed early.

- Parents park in the large parking lot on the south side of the gym
- Large white paper with family name is given to each child the first day of school
- Family name is placed in front driver’s corner of the parent’s car during pickup.
- Parents wait in their cars.
- St. Boniface maintenance staff will be in the parking lot with radios to read the family name and notify the supervisors when parents arrive.
- Students exit the school and directed to their parent’s car.
- Families with children at St. Mary and St. Boniface School should pick up the younger children first at St. Mary's
- After 3:15 p.m. students will wait in the school office.
- There is no supervision after 3:30 pm.

FORMS due to St. Boniface by **Wednesday, August 26, 2020**

1. Parent & Student Handbook Form
2. Student Emergency Form
3. Media Release Form
4. Application for Free and/or Reduced Price Meals and other benefits Form
5. Volunteer Form

Chartwells Lunch

Chartwells Lunch menu & free/reduced cost lunch application is sent home with this Parent Bulletin.

Chartwells Lunch information is also on the LCSS Parent Portal

1. Lunch Pre-Pay Information
2. Lunch Menu for each school
3. Free & Reduced Lunch Instructions and Application

How to access information:

1. LCSS.org
2. Parent Portal
3. Click on Information Boxes

LUNCH SUPPLIES & MANNERS

All students go outside for recess from 11:35 to 12:05. They play on separate playgrounds according to cohorts (grade levels).

At 12:05 the students come in to wash their hands and then eat their lunch. Students eat lunch at their desk in their homeroom under the supervision of the teacher. Each child **MUST HAVE** a large cloth napkin or towel to cover the desk. No microwave oven is available for students. The lunch period is from 12:05 to 12:30.

Parents may take their child out for lunch. Please sign out in the school office.

MID-MORNING SNACKS & WATER BOTTLES

Water bottles and healthy snacks are highly encouraged. The snacks are eaten between 9:00 and 10:00 during morning class. Water bottles are carried around during the day. No added flavor or soft drinks are allowed in the bottle.

St. Boniface School Band

Mr. Don Isaacs is the Band Director for both St. Boniface and St. Lawrence Schools. We are still planning on having small group band lessons with proper social distancing. It will be in the music room. Mr. Isaacs did a lot of research and consulting with other band directors regarding safe lessons. Registration for Band will be given to students in grades 5 and 6. More information will come.

St. Boniface Music Class

We are fortunate in having Mrs. Debbie Miller, recently retired from Edgelea, to teach music to St. Mary and St. Boniface students. To provide safety and social distancing, she will conduct music class in the gym every Thursday. Upon the exchange of class, the maintenance men will sanitize the table and chairs.

St. Boniface Faculty/Staff

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Welcome to Our New Teachers and Staff

Mrs. Hilary Baker joins us as the Assistant Administrator. She has a B.A. in Theology and Minor in Economics from Xavier University. She worked as a Case Manager for Four County Center and Cass County Health Center. She took time at home to raise 5 children. Her youngest will be at St. Mary Cathedral School.

Sister Mary Bosco Davis, age 27, was born in Fort Wayne, IN. She is the third of four children. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in September of 2013. She graduated from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.

Mrs. Debbie Miller just retired from Lafayette School Corporation. She taught choral music at Jeff High School for 11 years. She taught at Edgelea for the past 21 years. She graduated from Ball State University with a K-12 degree in choral/general music. Her major was in piano with a minor in voice.

Sister M. Fiat Staley, age 27, is from South Bend, IN. She is the fourth of five children. She graduated from Holy Cross College at Notre Dame, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology & Liberal Studies and a minor in Philosophy. She is currently working on a degree in Elementary Education.