



ST. MARY SCHOOL

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St. Mary School Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) Policy

Dear St. Mary School Families,

At the most recent diocesan school council meeting, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington School adopted the following NTI policy for all Catholic schools to follow.

Schools have a maximum of four (4) NTI days they may request to use during the academic year. Events requiring an NTI day must be related to weather, health, or safety of students and staff. No weather-related NTI requests will be permitted until four (4) full snow/weather related days off have been utilized by the location (1/2 days do not count toward the four). To request an NTI day, locations must have an NTI policy in place that has been submitted, reviewed, and approved by the Diocese Schools Office. All NTI requests must be submitted and approved by the Superintendent of Schools prior to use.

St. Mary School, with the approval of our local school council and with feedback from teachers, has adopted the following policy for NTI. St. Mary School may offer non-traditional instructional (NTI) days in order to maintain sequential, cohesive instruction when students are out of school for a snow/weather event.

Montessori preschool and kindergarten families will receive suggestions of experiential activities from teachers via email. These activities will mirror the hands-on approach utilized through the Montessori philosophy. Families will be asked to complete and submit a log of the activities completed. Montessori kindergarten students may also be assigned reading the books in the book bag, sight word activities, math, and handwriting practice. Montessori teachers will not be using Google Classroom.

First grade through middle school teachers will post assignments in Google Classroom by 8:30am on the snow day. All students will have access to the assignments posted in Google Classroom. NTI assignments will align to what the classroom teacher is currently teaching or will be a review of what has been taught. Teachers will be on an open Google Meet from 9:00am-10:00 am to answer any questions that students may have. It is an optional meet for students to receive assistance. After that time, teachers will be available by email from 9:00am - 3:00pm to answer any assignment related questions students may have. They will check email consistently during this time. Teachers are available to jump on Google Meets with students from 9:00 am-3:00 pm as needed. Teachers may also provide login information for IXL, Prodigy, Learning A to Z, 99Math, etc. for optional practice in different content areas. All assignments are to be completed and submitted online within 48 hours of the assignment being posted, unless otherwise noted by the assigning teacher. Assignments not turned in will be considered as late or missing assignments and will need to be made up and turned in to receive credit. Specials teachers (Spanish, Music, Art, etc.) may offer optional Google Meet offerings based on the appropriateness of the lesson for virtual delivery.

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