

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A Jesuit Elementary School | Preschool-8th Grade



Dear SFX Community,

I hope you all had a blessed Easter and are staying safe, happy, and healthy!

We are now officially in the home stretch of our 2019/2020 school year! I want to not only welcome you back to the last portion of our year, but thank you for what has been a great school year and a solid four weeks thus far of distance learning. Below I'm addressing updates that are important for the last weeks of the year. As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions with the info below.

All in this together to the finish line!

We have had a great school year overall and have battled through much adversity as a community. The distance learning protocol has presented us all with challenges. It has also presented us with an opportunity to remain united in our SLEs, especially being loving and open to growth. We have seen an outpouring of love from our staff, families and students. Whether it's been through the outstanding support of our Angel families, kind words to our teachers, or Zoom/Google meet sessions that have exchanged smiles and words of affirmation, we have risen up to meet this challenge with tremendous heart and fortitude. I thank you all for everything you do!

Move-up Week

The last week at SFX (May 18-21) has traditionally been "move up week" where we have closing activities planned for the last four days of school. We will mirror similar events with our distance learning protocol. There will be more information to come with regards to what that week will look like in the upcoming week or two.

Specials grades on report cards for trimester 3

- All PK - 2nd grade students will receive an "Excused" for trimester 3 specials classes.
- All 3rd - 5th grade students who did not complete recommended work for specials classes will receive an "Excused" for trimester 3.
- Any 3rd - 5th grade student who completed at least **four or more recommended assignments** in a particular special will earn a letter grade based on work submitted during distance learning, along with points that occurred BEFORE we began distance learning. Students that completed at least **four or more recommended** assignments for a particular special **WILL NOT** end up with a grade **LOWER** than what they had before distance learning began. Again, students who did not complete recommended work **ARE NOT penalized** (and will earn the grade of "Excused"). This **WILL NOT** reflect poorly on a student's report card as all schools are in a similar position.
- All 6th - 8th grade elective grades (EXCLUDING Spanish and PE) will receive an "Excused" for trimester 3. Spanish and PE for grades 6th - 8th will have letter grades for trimester 3.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a great start to your school week. Let's stay positive and remember that the Lord will see us through!

God Bless,

Ryan Watson