

SJRS Remote Learning While School is Open

Saint Jerome Regional School is pleased to share with you a virtual learning option for the 20/21 school year. The virtual learning option consists of pre-recorded instruction and independent assignments. This learning option is available to any student and is also available when a student must quarantine, but are healthy enough to participate. All parents are encouraged to keep their children at home until they are completely recovered.

Who can participate?

Any current student may participate in this program. A student that chooses our virtual instruction versus in-person instruction as their daily education will remain in the family chosen option until the designated period to switch to the other option. Students are not permitted to switch until the end of the month. For instance, if a student begins the school year in the virtual program, the first time the student could return to in-person instruction would be the Monday of the start of the next month. At this point, the student could transfer to in-person learning. However, the student will then be expected to continue with the in-person option for the remainder of the year.

Can I transition between the programs?

(This option can be selected on a monthly basis)

Guidelines suggest that students may have difficulty transitioning between school settings due to the ever-changing school environment and experience. As such, a student will be permitted to change their instructional status once during the school year to minimize this difficulty for the child. This will help support the social/emotional well-being of the student. (If there are circumstances that require a second change, we will work with the family as best as we can).

What technology will I need?

Parents must agree to the Acceptable Use Policy as found in the Parent/Student Handbook. A solid internet connection along with your own device is recommended to avoid possible interruptions in video. Virtual students will receive text/workbook resources prior to the start of the school year.

Virtual Learning Platforms/Assignments

Families choosing the virtual option will be required to have devices at home as well as internet access throughout the day. Students will access instructional links through a school-issued Google account. Students will also be given login and passwords for Dreambox, Stemscopes, etc. Each student will engage daily in their education through virtual learning. Students will view recorded lessons for instruction of

new material that may include a short video of the teacher, a power point presentation, other type of video clip, etc. (10-20 minutes). They will also be given additional resources that will help reinforce the skill they are learning. Virtual learning will include independent practice that has the students submitting work after the students have answered questions, problems, etc. Students will be assessed and graded in the same way as if they were in school. Content and assignments will be the same for all students. Teachers will be available through email, scheduled virtual meetings, or you may call the office and leave a message for the teacher.

Subjects to be Taught

Students will engage in instruction in subjects taught by the classroom teacher throughout the day. Students will also engage in various types of lessons from the special area teachers.

Privacy

Privacy is of the utmost concern for our teachers and students. During the pre-recorded instruction lessons, the camera will remain focused on the front of the classroom with the teacher and chalk/smart boards as the focus. Our teachers will focus the camera to avoid seeing the student's faces to the best of their ability. It is important to be aware that if a child moves throughout the room for any reason, they may become visible.

Everyone in our school community is trying to do what is best for our children and our families. Our school staff and teachers are working to accommodate the many different scenarios families are facing. Providing the online option for students is just one way our school community can work together. This opportunity is a true example of our love for one another demonstrated by our patience and understanding.