



St Stephen Catholic School

Dear St. Stephen Families,

May 26, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the last few months of school have not been a typical school year ending. Our goal during this time has not been perfection, but progress. Unfortunately, no matter how hard we work to help students keep learning, distance learning cannot approximate the same level as what students would have learned in the classroom. As we stated in TidBits earlier this month, summer work this year will look different than past years. Because some students may have learning gaps due to this time away from school, teachers have worked hard to prepare more individualized learning plans for students to follow this summer. In addition, report card grades for the third trimester may be different for some students depending on their circumstances. If a student struggled to learn and show their knowledge using a virtual platform, teachers had the option of giving students a P for Pass rather than a letter grade for the third trimester.

Please know that we care about your student's individual needs, and teachers have looked carefully at each student's achievement in the classroom, on i-Ready diagnostics, and on the TerraNova test to help prepare the summer activities that they are recommending for your child. We are asking that you, as parents and guardians, consider devoting some time each week over the summer to working on the areas indicated by the teacher's summer learning plan. This will allow students and teachers to begin the 2020-2021 school year closer to where they would have been in a typical school year. As always, reading is one of the most important activities your child can do over the summer, and we are encouraging students to choose books that interest them rather than assigning specific titles. Also, your child's teacher will provide you with recommendations for keeping your child learning in ELA and Math over the summer months.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me or Mrs. Robles.

Sincerely,

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Mission Statement

St. Stephen Catholic School is devoted to inspiring students to achieve their full academic potential while demonstrating a desire to continue Jesus' mission by applying Catholic morals, beliefs, values, and practices in their everyday lives. We are committed to motivating students to sustain a lifelong love of learning.