

BISHOP LOUGHLIN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

IMPORTANT UPDATE

To: Parents and Guardians

Fr: Bro. Dennis

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020

Re: *Distance Learning and 4th Quarter Update*

As always, since the beginning of this health challenge, I pray for your health, safety and well-being. We are coming to the end of the third week of school in a new modality. While the building has been closed, school has been in session every day calendared except for Monday, March 16. We took this day as a “breather” to collect ourselves after a tense week of growing concerns over the impact of COVID-19. It was prudent to do so.

Congratulations to your student for accepting the challenge to learn in a different way. I am equally proud of our faculty for embracing the challenge to teach in a way that is different, for learning new methods, and for exploring technology to effectively maintain our mission - to provide a Christian and human education.

A few days ago, we sent out a survey to get your point of view on how things are going. Of the 120 initial responses, 82% are satisfied with the distance learning that is taking place. We also learned that "missed social interaction" was by far the biggest challenge for your son or daughter. Some thought there was too much work, and a very small percentage, 2%, felt that there wasn't enough work. If you didn't complete the survey, [please click here](#). As there are still parents who do not have an email on file we will post the survey to our webpage. Let your voice be heard! Remember you can reach out to Mr. Desta Moe at dmoe@blmhs.org to provide a working email.

Student engagement is strong. However, teacher feedback on student's checking-in and submitting assignments and cross-checking class lists indicates a couple of things. One, some students are cherry picking what classes they will participate in. Students need to attend every class. Choosing English but not Math, for example, is not a viable option. Two, some students while engaging in the class, are choosing to do some assignments and not others. Again, this is not a wise decision. We need to work together to assure students full participation in learning.

I want to direct you to this communication from Ms. Gottsegen which explains the particulars of the fourth quarter.

4th Quarter Information

Finally, I am sure that you are aware of the Governor's directive to public and charter schools regarding Easter recess. The religious based and independent schools reserve the right to make this decision for themselves. Loughlin has not yet reached a decision and we are in consultation with our peer schools in NYC and our Lasallian schools in New York state.

Live, Jesus, in our hearts. Forever!

Stay safe and well,

Brother Dennis

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