

Bethlehem Lutheran School

Virtual Learning Day

Student & Family Expectations & FAQs

What is a Virtual Learning Day?

A Virtual Learning Day (VLD) can be used in the event of severe weather or a medical epidemic. Should a VLD be used, all students may be expected to virtually attend school as the school does need to meet a participation threshold set by the Department of Public Instruction for the day to count as an instructional day. **If the school fails to meet the threshold, additional time may be added to the end of the school year.**

How will students complete assigned work on a Virtual Learning Day?

- In most cases, students in **grades 4 to 8** and/or their families have smart devices such as computers, laptops, Chromebooks, and iPads and Internet access at home. If possible and necessary, school-owned devices may be loaned out and brought home. Students should only be using a school-issued device for school-related purposes. **Students/parents need to check their email each morning.** Work needs to be completed by the assigned date.
- In **grades 3K to 4**, teachers will be sending home “learning packets” for students to work on. Packets can be picked up on Thursday March 19 (2:00pm to 6:00pm) and Friday March 20 (8:00am to Noon)
- Homework packs will be due on Friday April 3rd. Please bring them back to school and drop them off in the school lobby between 8:00am and 3:30pm.
- Instructions will be sent to families by email if the school will be required to be closed after April 6th.

What time will assignments be posted on a Virtual Learning Day?

- Daily instructions and assignments will be posted by 8:00am each VLD. Homeroom teachers/ middle school period teachers will let each family know how they will post the assignments for the student.

How much time are students expected to work on school activities?

- As a general rule, expectations for student time engaged in learning activities on a VLD are:
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Grades 3K-4 th	Grades 5-8 th
About 1 to 2 hours	About 3 to 4 hours

The activities assigned are mainly a continuation of the learning that was taking place in the classroom, and students should be confident in having enough knowledge in order to complete them with independence. There will be some instruction of new materials. Students should ask their teachers if they don't understand the directions or material. Teachers will be available for questions during the day.

What can students expect prior to a VLD?

- Teachers will provide clear expectations to students and families.
- Teachers will share with families how they will communicate with them on a VLD and do so prior to a VLD.

What is the expectation for teacher responsiveness throughout a VLD?

- Teachers will be available during normal school hours. All classroom instructors will communicate clearly defined processes for how families may contact them on VLD's.

- Please be aware that teachers may have technical difficulties. The teachers will make every effort to be online for questions.
- Please allow a reasonable response time.

Other things to keep in mind during this mandated closure

- There will be no SCRIP sales/orders at school. If Bethlehem Lutheran Church is open for services there will be sales but no new items will be ordered for the next two weeks. If you have questions please contact Brenda Kanz at 920-912-3086
- There will be no school events and activities until at least Monday April 6th.
- WPCP voucher applications online need to be completed by April 16th. Applications need to be done online and documents need to be dropped off in the school office before or on that date. The Department of Public Instruction is not changing the deadlines.
- Please make sure that your contact information is up-to-date in the school office so that we can make contact with you when needed. You can make changes to your account in Sycamore.
- Have students in grades 5 to 8 check their gmail accounts daily for important classroom assignments and news.
- Please drop off 3rd quarter church attendance sheets when you pick up your materials/supplies.
- Student meals – Free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch will be available for any child 18 years of age or younger to pick up while our schools are closed. The following SASD schools will be offering meals at Cooper, Grant, Jackson, Jefferson, Longfellow, James Madison, Pigeon River, Sheridan, North High and South High.

Children may stop in anytime between 7:30 – 11:00am to pick up a breakfast and lunch meal at the main entrances of each school to take home. Students may not eat meals on site.

- Additionally, Spectrum, a local cable company, will be providing two months of free service to those that need this for anytime of online communication/learning. Here is the link to get access to this.

<https://www.channel3000.com/chapter-offering-free-access-to-spectrum-wi-fi-for-studentslearning-remotely/>

- Please be patient with everyone you are in contact with. No one has ever gone through this before.
- Please check emails and/or our website, Sycamore or Facebook for continued updates.
- Pray that God will guide all of us through this situation.