

Continuation of AIG Services During School Shutdown

Dear Parents/Guardians:

First, I want to say how sad I am not to be able to work with my young scholars in person. Their enthusiasm, smiles, hard work, and hugs are indescribable joys to me! Please let them know that I long for the day when we can be together again to continue our explorations together!

Since I first took over the AIG program at Immaculata three years ago my first priority has been to supplement the teaching in the regular classroom. As we face together the unfortunate situation caused by the virus, that philosophy will continue. I am aware that your child is continuing to have work assigned by their regular teachers, and, while AIG learning will continue in an abbreviated form, I do not want to overload my students.

I will soon begin sending weekly assignments to parent/guardian e-mails. You will receive these assignments by no later than Sunday evening. Below are the initial guidelines that you should be aware of. As I continue to grapple with the complexities of administering a virtual AIG program, some things may be added, subtracted, or modified. As we are asking for the benefit of all teachers, please be patient and flexible as we enter what Hamlet called “the undiscovered country”.

Assignments: All written and nonwritten assignments will be emailed to the parent/parents of each student. Readings and other supporting materials/documents will also be sent via email. Dr. Temple will work in coordination with the classroom teacher to streamline assignments as much as possible.

Students will submit all assignments to Dr. Temple’s email (templed@icdurham.org) for grading/comments unless otherwise specified. **All assignments must be typed in Microsoft Word and be double-spaced.** When appropriate Dr. Temple will use the Microsoft Word edit feature to respond to student work. In the case of math assignments, which are not easily typed, parents can scan or take a picture of their child’s work and attach it to an email. Student work will then be returned to the student through the parent’s/parents’ email with corrections/commentary.

It is possible that students will work in teams on certain assignments using GoogleDoc or some other similar application. As with all other assignments, instructions will be sent through emails to the student's parent/parents.

Instruction: Dr. Temple will provide instruction online via video through the application/platform that the school approves. This will allow students to view the video at a time that is convenient. You will receive more information about how online instruction at ICS will be conducted in the coming days.

Office Hours: Dr. Temple will be available at certain times online through the application that is approved by the school. I want to make sure that my office hours do not conflict with those of the regular classroom teachers. Therefore, once I have a date and time that works, I will let parents know.

Availability of Technology: If your home setting does not have any part of the technology needed to meet the requirements above, contact Dr. Temple (templed@icdurham.org), and he will contact the Immaculata Technology Department to determine what resources are available. Appropriate modifications will then be made to accommodate student needs.

I want to thank you in advance for your support, patience and flexibility. I will miss teaching my students in person, but I know that we will get through this together.

For now, here are my instructions for each AIG class:

Third Grade Reading: Please complete the "When You Wish" writing assignment by Sunday and send it to me. This was assigned before we left so you should have had time to finish.

Third Grade Math: More equations on the way next week! In the meantime, brush up on you long division and multiplication at Khan Academy or another application.

Fourth Grade Reading: You should have reached page 65 in The Mysterious Benedict Society by Sunday. You will receive an assignment next week based on your reading.

Fourth Grade Math: Practice your square roots and exponents using Khan Academy or one of the other resources on the Internet approved by your parents. I will be sending some challenging problems next week! Get ready!

Fifth Grade Reading: Smoke and more smoke!!! Finish reading the Secretkeepers by next Friday, April 3. I will be giving you an assignment next week to see how well you have comprehended key aspects of the text.

Fifth Grade Math: We will continue next week with complex equations. Until then, use Khan Academy or some other program to brush up on square roots and exponents!

Parents, if you or your students have any questions, please email me at atempld@icdurham.org.

Thanks and stay Immaculata strong!