



COVID-19 Update
3/17/2020 @ 8:30pm

Dear Families and Community of ASCA:

Per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order, and guidance from the Diocesan Superintendent of schools, ASCA will remain closed through April 1, 2020, with classes resuming April 2, 2020. The school building will remain closed beginning Thursday, March 19, 2020 and communication with the administrative staff and teachers will be through email. Email Ms. Johnson at principal@ascaalbany.org and Mrs. Coffey at office@ascaalbany.org. The Distance Learning page on ASCA's website will contain information ensuring your child's distance learning experience is a positive one. Distance Learning Material's Bags are available for pick-up:

Wednesday, March 18 between 8:30am. - 3:30pm.

Teachers will communicate with their students/families daily at 8:30am and 2:30pm to monitor distance learning expectations and answer any questions students/families may have. We do understand that much of the communication may be responded to, or followed up on, at a time that works with your family's schedule. Some teachers will be using email, Google Classroom, or the SeeSaw App (Nursery, Prek and Grade 2) to stay in communication throughout these next 11 days. Special area classes (Art, Music, PE and Technology/Library) have been instructed to communicate with their students/families on Tues./Thurs. each week. Each student's Distance Learning Material's Bag contains reference guides for ALL subjects, including special area classes. Our goal is to provide materials and support so learning does not have to stop during this temporary setback to the academic school year.

Distance learning is attainable for all students, regardless of their age or grade. Your child's teacher prepared a bag of resources that will allow your child to be successful throughout this temporary closure. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything. Check back often to www.ascaalbany.org for updates. In the event that ASCA is required to be closed for a period longer than April 1, 2020, that information will be communicated through the Swift Reach school-to-home communication platform and posted on ASCA's website.

As your child's first teacher, and now their primary teacher, I continue to pray that families find the time and patience to ensure that the distance learning materials your child's teacher prepared will be completed prior to the return to school. These past few days were a testament to the incredible compassion and dedication the teachers and staff of ASCA have for your children. I am blessed to work with such amazing educators! We are here to help, please reach out if need be.

Blessings,

Ms. Traci Johnson
Principal