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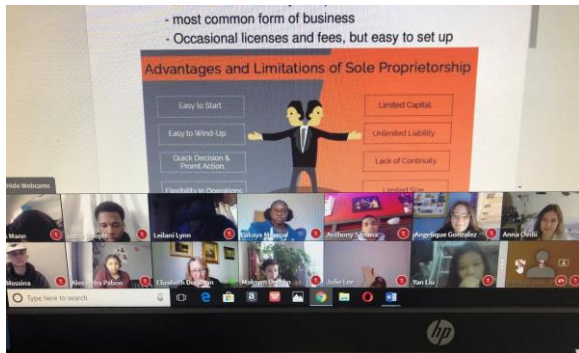
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SGA Hosts Online Classes in Response to Corona Virus School Shutdown

On Wednesday, March 18 at 8:10AM Saint George Academy went online to begin live classes for their students. The decision to switch to online courses came in response to the nationwide school closings as a result of the rapid spread of the current Covid-19 pandemic

As the virus spread through New York City, and public schools scrambled to decide what to do next, SGA students were already in classes, learning the core subjects: Math, Science, Social Studies and English, with very little instruction time lost.



SGA Economics Class for 12 Graders in action

The rapid switch to online classes was due to the incredible forward-thinking leadership of SGA Principal Andrij Stasiw, who on the same day as private school closures were announced, explained to teachers that they would be moving their classrooms to a sophisticated online program called New Row. The program would allow students to sign in to classes at their regular scheduled time and interact with teachers as they received instruction, copied notes, watched videos and held discussions about class material.

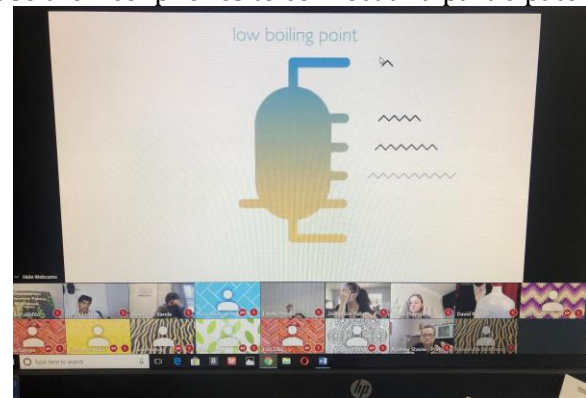
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The program also offered online testing, attendance data and so much more. Teachers engaged in a day of training before launching their classes on March 18th.

During the first few days of classes both teachers and students encountered some issues. Faculty had to rapidly adjust to this new form of teaching, upload their lessons, homework assignments, educational videos and more, in order to prepare for the coming times. In addition, they had to figure out a new way of assessing the students' work through online homework, tests and more.

Some students, on the other hand, struggled with connectivity issues and had to find innovative ways to sign in to classes. Some had to use their cellphones to connect and participate.



11 graders during their online Science class

However, the courses have gone so well that even the students have expressed their pleasure in being able to maintain their education. Principal Stasiw has now decided that beginning next week he will arrange for additional courses, particularly Ukrainian, Spanish and Religion, be added to the online classes offered.

As we pray for the swift recovery of all those affected by this virus, we thank God for the opportunity to continue the important educational work that we do for our beloved students at SGA.