

2021-2022 AMHERST SCHOOLS Transportation Department

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STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FOR PRIVATE/PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS
PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Student's First Name	Students Last Name	School	Grade
Address		Home Phone	Cell Phone
Parent/ Guardian (PRINT)	Parent Signature	Date	
_____ AM Ride Only	_____ PM Ride Only	_____ AM/PM Ride	

PARENTS/GUARDIANS WITH STUDENTS IN GRADE KDG-1ST GRADE MUST MEET STUDENTS AT THE BUS STOP OR STUDENTS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL.

FOR STUDENTS NEEDING TO BE TRANSPORTED TO AN APPROVED DAY CARE/BABYSITTER (WITHIN AMHERST DISTRICT ONLY) PLEASE CONTACT THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK. DEADLINE FOR REQUESTS IS AUGUST 10th, 2021

FOR TRANSPORTATION USE ONLY

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Date _____ By _____

AM Bus# _____ Time _____ Stop _____

PM Bus # _____ Time _____ Stop _____

***THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE AMHERST TRANSPORTATION BY JUNE 30, 2021. (Form needs to be completed for ALL students riding the bus – not just “new” Students.) ***



This year, we will celebrate Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 11th. It is a day 1 in our schedule. It is also the day of spring conferences with early dismissal that will take place 1 hour earlier than typical (i.e. K will dismiss at 12:54, 1st at 12:57 and so on).

- **Students may wear a red/pink/valentine shirt with their regular uniform bottoms. Valentine**

accessories may be worn, as well!

- **Each grade level will be celebrating Valentine's Day in their own way. Please see below or an attached sheet from your child's homeroom teacher for more information.**

This year 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will be celebrating with various in-classroom and digital activities to incorporate the joy of Valentine's Day into our typical day 1 lessons. **The students should not bring any cards, treat bags, baked goods, etc. from home.** If sent in, they will have to be returned. The upper hall teachers will work to make this day special for our older students in the school building.

Thank you,

Mrs. Kermes

Mrs. Gede

Miss Mullins

DISTANCE LEARNING CLARIFICATION

Please read below for clarification on who is eligible to DISTANCE LEARN and what options there are for absences for in-person learners. This information is being shared to keep procedures more consistent among the students and to make daily practices run smoothly for the teaching staff.

Students are permitted to distance learn under the following circumstances:

1. The student has chosen distance learning for the entire quarter during the quarterly selection process.
2. The student has been tested for Covid-19 and is awaiting a negative result to return to school.
3. The student has tested positive for Covid-19 and will be absent for the required quarantine period.
4. The student has been exposed to a positive case of Covid-19 and will be absent for the required quarantine period.

***Distance Learning means- viewing and participating in live-streamed classes, having all learning materials at home, the use of a school issued device (if needed), and assignments are assigned on an online platform such as SeeSaw or Google Classroom and are completed daily by the student.

General Absences:

All other situations that would keep a student out of school that are not Covid-related as listed above, i.e. general illness or symptoms of an illness, appointments, vacation, short-term family emergencies, funeral, etc. will be considered an absence for the student.

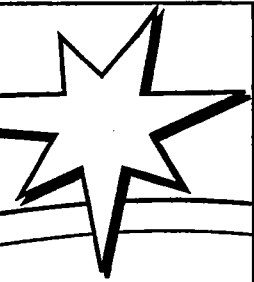
When a student is absent, they MAY tune in to the live stream classes if the teacher knows ahead of time and can provide the live stream link. (the student will still be considered absent from school-tuning in is a "bonus" to allow them to view instruction). This **cannot** be provided once instruction has started for the day unless, at the teacher's discretion, the teacher is able to send the information without disrupting what is happening with in-class instruction. ***If your child is truly sick, our concern is them getting better. If they join the live stream they should be able to sit up and attend to the class, etc. If they are ill, let them rest.

Any online assignments, work, etc. that are being used for the day will not be assigned to absent students/to SeeSaw or Google Classroom. Make-up work will be handled as it was in the past with the students having access to the work when they return and given time to make-up the work equal to the number of school days they were absent.

***We know there are always exceptions to the rule- students may need an extended absence due to surgery or a family situation, etc. These will still be dealt with on an as needed basis as far as eligibility for distance learning, make-up work, etc.

***If your student has a general absence that lasts more than two days and you would like to pick-up work for them, please let the classroom teacher know and we will arrange for it to be waiting on the cart outside of door A after 2:30 that afternoon.

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

February 2021

St. Joseph School, Amherst
Mrs. Amy Makruski, Principal



Thoughtful Moments

Pray for friends

In his Gospel, St. Mark tells a story of a paralyzed man whose friends showed great determination to bring his needs before Jesus. The house in which Jesus was speaking was too crowded for their friend, so they lowered him through a hole they made in the roof (Mark 2:1-12). In response, Jesus changed the man's life. Amazing things can happen when we place our friends' needs before Jesus.

Just ask

Jesus tells us to ask God for what we need and to be persistent until we hear from Him. Don't worry about pestering God. Think of how eager we parents are to help our children—especially if they are struggling. It's the same with God – our perfect Father – who never tires of helping us.

"If you then...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him"
(Matthew 7:11).



Observe a fruitful pandemic Lent

Once again, Lent will look different for many families. One goal of the season is to eliminate distractions and turn our hearts back to God. A few adjustments to your Lenten observance may help you transform your family's hearts, even in the midst of a pandemic.

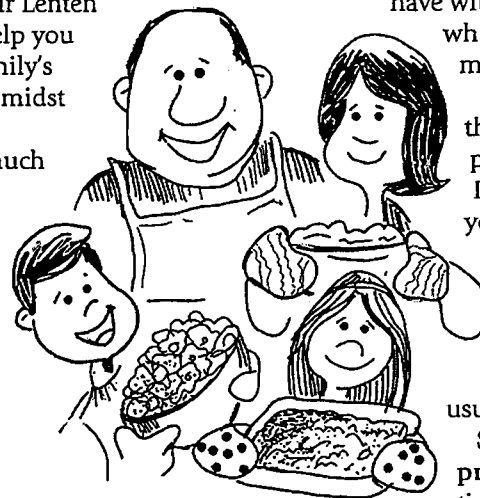
Offer it up. So much of what we are experiencing in the pandemic is sacrificial. Use visual aids to help children offer deprivation or sacrifices to God's purposes. For example, place a jar on your kitchen counter and encourage everyone to place a jelly bean in it each time they suffer a deprivation – a canceled sport season, a missed gathering, a scaled-down birthday celebration. Celebrate by

eating the candy at Easter.

Practice gratitude. Gratitude helps to keep everything in perspective. Stay aware of the pleasant moments you have with your family and do what you can to create more of them.

Be flexible. Accept that the landscape in a pandemic is different. Prioritize your family, your health and the health of your loved ones. Try not to hold onto specific ideas for accomplishing your usual activities.

Swap screen time for prayer time. Spending time watching or reading bad news or scrolling through social media sites filled with negativity creates stress. Turn to God in family prayer and rest in His presence in your lives.



Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Why do Catholics believe Christ is in the Precious Blood and the Host?

Once the bread and wine has been consecrated during Mass, Jesus Christ is wholly present under the appearance either of bread or of wine in the Eucharist.

In fact, Christ is wholly present in any fragment

of the Host or in any drop of the Precious Blood.

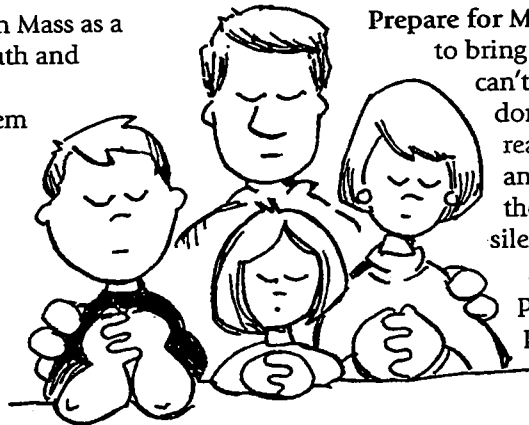
It is possible to receive the whole Christ in just one form or the other. However, it is most fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist.



Give your family the gift of "Little Easter"

Every Sunday is a "Little Easter," with Mass as a celebration of Christ's victory over death and sin. Many Catholic families find that strengthening Sunday habits bring them closer together and closer to God. Try these ideas:

Family forgiveness: On Friday or Saturday night, gather together and ask each other for forgiveness for offenses committed against one another. Then, if you feel comfortable, go to Confession as a family as often as you can.



Prepare for Mass: Participating in Mass is critical to bring strength to a Catholic family. If you can't attend in person, watch it together, but don't miss it. Before beginning, go over the readings you will hear at Mass so you can answer questions ahead of time. Spending the time waiting for Mass to begin in silence leaves time for prayer and reflection.

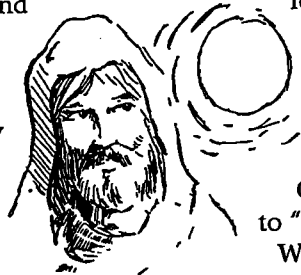
Mass intentions: Ask each person to pick someone for whom the family can pray during Mass. Write each name on a list and offer a family prayer for these intentions after Communion.

Scripture LESSON

Mark 9:2-10, The test of the Transformation

When Jesus met with Elijah and Moses on the mountaintop, they talked about the journey Jesus was going to make to Jerusalem and the Cross. Perhaps the holy men were offering support and comfort, and Jesus probably felt strengthened by the meeting.

Certainly he was bolstered by hearing the voice from Heaven. Still, he had a difficult road ahead and he realized that despite all of his efforts, some would refuse to listen and would be lost. But God knew that the desire to follow Jesus comes



from confidence about who he is. If we believe Jesus is God's Son then we will want to do what he says. So he let the disciples witness the amazing meeting on the mountaintop, and he let them hear the heavenly voice proclaim Jesus as God's son and instruct us to "listen to him."

What can a parent do?

Society may try to tell us what is right, but Jesus' words are our final authority. Help youngsters test everything they hear against Jesus' words in the Bible and they will not be led astray.

Feasts & Celebrations

February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord. In accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to make the required offering forty days after his birth. They were faithful observers of the law of the Lord.

February 3 - St. Blaise (316). Bishop of Sebaste, he was martyred for refusing to renounce his Catholic faith. Priests usually bless throats on this day because St. Blaise, reportedly a physician, healed many ailments of the throat.

February 10 - St. Scholastica

(543). Twin sister of St. Benedict, St. Scholastica founded a Benedictine community for women five miles from her brother's monastery. The twins visited each other each year and Scholastica died three days after their last meeting. St. Benedict saw her soul rising heavenward in the form of a dove.

February 17 - Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the foreheads as a sign of penance.



Parent TALK



I had a hard time praying. Too many friends and family have been lost to the seemingly endless pandemic and I was spent. I was juggling working at home with supervising online

schooling. My husband lost his job for the second time in three years and we had used up our savings the first time. It felt like God was far away. He wasn't listening.

A few nights later I overheard our ten-year old saying her prayers asking God for help. She ended with, "Thanks for listening. Amen." Then she went to sleep. Standing outside her room, I realized that Tessa didn't tell God what to do. She asked for help, trusted that it would come, and left it to God.

I prayed for the first time in weeks and ended with, "Thanks for listening. Amen." I realized God is always listening. I was the one who had stopped talking.

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