



# St. John's Lutheran School 2020-21

## Ephesians 1:17-18

# School News

**November 13, 2020**

*"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you..."*  
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**Broad Campus Health Update:**

We have had several close contacts and self quarantines reported to St. John's in the past two weeks. Thank you and Thank God that we have had zero cases of COVID in staff or students to report to you or to the health department. All students that have been sent home with Covid-like symptoms have tested negative for the virus. Families continue to do an amazing job of keeping students home when illness is present in the home or contact with a positive case has been determined. Our community is healthier because of this faithful partnership.

The COVID-19 numbers in Kern County are rising again. This past Tuesday our (8.9) case rate per 100,000 may return the county to the most restrictive, Purple Tier, by next week. St. John's is operating independently under a state approved waiver and state regulations. Under current conditions and state guidelines, we will not be required to close or return to distance learning if we return to the Purple Tier. We will continue to assess our protocols and make the necessary adjustments to keep all of our students and staff as safe as possible.

Through historical attendance records, we have assessed that the third week after Christmas Break is when our student population is most sick. Normally we have 2-4% absenteeism due to illness, but that week we see a spike in illness, which is all to say that we do not feel it necessary to modify our academic plan during the three weeks in between Thanksgiving and Christmas. There may be a time when we need to return to campus-wide distance learning, after Christmas Break, depending on the number of people who are ill following the busy holiday travel season. California has published a travel advisory recommending the cancellation of all non-essential travel out of the state or a two week self-quarantine after returning. This is not state law nor SJLS policy, yet notable.

### **Parent Master Course**

Mrs. Rachel Vecchio, who is part of our Resource/Student Support Team, is offering weekly parent courses. These courses are designed to help you navigate school (however it looks) with your student. She is offering grade-specific tips and resources as well as a forum for you to ask and answer questions. If you are unable to participate in the "live" Zoom event, they will be recorded for you to watch at your convenience.

#### **Week 11: Auditory Learners: Best Practices in the Classroom and at Home**

Monday: Grades 1-3 at **10:00 am (new time!)**

Tuesday: Grades 4-6 at **10:00 am (new time!)**

Wednesday: Grades 7-8 at **10:00 am (new time!)**

Thursday: All Grades – Questions and Troubleshooting at 2:00 pm

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84506984855?pwd=dnZZNjlWTnppeTJaSGd2b0p2OGcrdz09>

Password: 533459

In addition, Mrs. Vecchio is offering a Parent Master Course weekly newsletter. Newsletters will be sent out on Sunday. Please sign up for that newsletter here: [Parent Newsletter](#)