



Bethany Lutheran Online Learning: Expectations

Bethany teachers will continue to deliver daily lessons tied to learning standards using electronic tools and books that are developmentally-appropriate and familiar to students and parents.

Parent/Student Communication

Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2:

SeeSaw, Google Meet and Gradelink Email

Grade 3 and Grade 4:

Class DoJo, Seesaw, Google Classroom/ Meet

Grades 5-8:

Google Classroom/Meet and Gradelink Email

Student Success

Google Meet, Gradelink Email

What you can expect from Bethany teachers

Bethany teachers will:

- Be regularly praying for students and families.
- Plan instruction and assignments that are developmentally-appropriate and tied to school standards. They will also be cognizant of screen time for students and include tasks that do not require devices. Finally, they will perform “academic triage” so that students and parents are not overwhelmed.
- Post a checklist/agenda of assignments for each day which will include all assignments, including those from specialty teachers, along with any reminders about upcoming due dates, etc.
- Schedule video conference sessions with students to answer questions as needed.
- Schedule individual Student Success Google Meet sessions.
- Be available to answer parent emails from 8:00-4:00 each day and continue to observe a 24-hour response rule.
- Be allowed to “fail forward” and be extended grace upon grace as they learn to deliver instruction electronically under these extraordinary circumstances.
- “Put on their own oxygen mask on first” and take care of themselves emotionally, physically and spiritually so that they will be available throughout this situation. This means that they will not be available to students and parents (or the principal!) between the hours of 4:00 PM and 8:00 AM.

What we expect of Bethany parents

Bethany parents will:

- Be regularly praying for students, staff and administration.
- Read the daily assignment/agenda checklist with their children each day and empower students to write down any questions they may have.
- Ensure that their children answer the “daily question” posted by teachers by 4:00 PM....this will serve as proof of attendance. *Students who do not answer the “daily question” will be marked absent.*

- Develop a schedule that works for their family. (There are many suggestions for daily home schedules available on social media...find one that works for you!) Assignments/school activities do not need to be completed at a particular time each day.
- **Monitor students when they are using devices. School devices should ONLY be used for school assignments, not play time. (This might help limit screen time, as well!)**
- Feel free to reach out to teachers and Dr. Fink with questions and concerns. (You aren't bugging us...really!)
- Be allowed to "fail forward" and be extended grace upon grace as they learn to guide their children in electronic instruction under these extraordinary circumstances.
- **Encourage their children to complete all assignments gladly, thoroughly and independently.**
- Care for themselves emotionally, physically and spiritually so that they are available to their children throughout this situation.

What we expect of Bethany students

- Be regularly praying for each other, their teachers and the world.
- Recognize that they are not on vacation: they are still in school at an alternative location. **This means they will exercise all the responsible student/study habits they use when they are on campus at Bethany**, including demonstrating academic honesty by doing their own assignments.
- Read the daily assignment checklist with their parents and write down any questions they may have, then reach out to their teachers for assistance if they need it.
- **Answer the daily question by 4:00 PM.**
- Complete all assignments and turn them in when they are due.
- **Use their iPad/Chromebook for school assignments ONLY.** Remember the rules of iPad/Chromebook use at Bethany and observe them at home.
- Care for themselves emotionally, physically and spiritually so that they are healthy and ready to return to campus. This means taking time away from screens, getting outside for fresh air, and connecting with their loved ones regularly.

“Fear not, I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
Isaiah 41:10