



May 11, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The transition to remote learning has dramatically changed the way we teach and learn. Siena Catholic Schools of Racine has worked closely with the Office for Schools of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to identify a grading structure that fairly and reasonably recognizes our students' performance during the fourth quarter of the 2019-20 school year.

Per the recommendation of the Archdiocese, for the fourth quarter of the 2019-20 school year students in first through eighth grade will receive grades of "Proficient" or "Insufficient Evidence" connected to report card standards that were taught during the quarter. While attendance and learner behaviors will not be recorded on the report card for the final quarter, we will continue to look for daily submission of evidence of learning. We need to continue to receive evidence to provide feedback and maintain meaningful student-teacher relationships.

Proficient (P): Evidence provided demonstrates consistent understanding and application of concepts and skills aligned with grade-level standards.

Insufficient Evidence (IE): Not enough evidence was produced and shared to determine whether or not the student can demonstrate proficiency on the standard.

As a reminder, all Siena Catholic Schools Elementary specials lessons (art, music, physical education) are considered enrichment-focused and evidence of learning is not required to be submitted or graded for the remainder of the fourth quarter. Therefore, you will not see a grade for art, music, or physical education on a report card. We do think that it is important to recognize the students who have continued to complete this work as part of their education, so specials teachers will make note of achievement in PowerSchool.

Understanding that we have had to make changes in many aspects of our educational system during this pandemic, we also needed to take a step back from the traditional structures that have been used for student grading. Additionally, due to the lost instructional time, we may not have been able to cover every standard that is identified on our fourth-quarter report card. In conjunction with all five of our K-8 schools, Siena has identified which standards will be graded based on virtual instruction provided. By focusing on the standards taught and student work (evidence) provided, we can recognize student achievement without punishing those who were not able to as fully engage in remote learning.

Students in our 3K, 4K, and 5K classrooms will receive end-of-year feedback through the use of the Archdiocesan narrative report card.

If you have any questions, please contact your principal or the Siena office.

As we close in on our last four weeks of instruction, I also wanted to share the logistics of how we will handle end-of-the-year drop-offs of books, uniforms, technology, etc. Please note that this impacts our K-8 schools. Drop-off for St. Cat's will be communicated separately.

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The last day of school remains June 10. Drop-offs will happen on Monday, June 8, and Tuesday, June 9.

- Monday, June 8: 2:30-6 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 9: 7:30-11:30 a.m.

Faculty/staff who are directly involved with collecting equipment or those who may come in contact with visitors will be required to wear PPE (personal protection equipment). We will designate coned-off areas at each school for families to drive up and hand in items, which will be bagged and have a checklist stapled to the bag. Missing/damaged items will be cataloged and fees will be assessed. These items will then be taken to an area for decontamination and inventory.

Specifics for each school, including checklists and storage/cleaning locations, will be communicated to you by your principal.

We are blessed to serve as your partner during this uncertain and challenging moment and are continuously appreciative of your collaboration and support.

Blessings in Christ,

Brenda White
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