

Dear families,

I am reaching out today with details around distribution of student books next week as well as some reminders from Independence Mission Schools.

It is important that your child have their books with them as we begin distance learning so that they can work independently, take breaks from the computer screen, and follow along with the teacher.

Pickup for Grades 1-4 will be on September 3 from 8 AM-2 PM in the school gym. Pickup for Grades 5-8 will be on September 4 from 8 AM-2 PM in the school gym. You may come at any point in that timeframe and do not need to sign up for an appointment.

The teachers will also have welcome letters, a schedule of the virtual instructional day, and some learning materials (alphabet, number line, etc) to put at your child's workspace to support them in instruction. Families will also be asked to complete an Emergency Form during pickup.

Meals will also be available for families to pick up in the cafeteria. More information about that will be sent to you next week.

IMS has stated that it is the goal for every child in an IMS school to receive a Chromebook; however, **the overwhelming demand for Chromebooks nationwide is forcing the network to prioritize distribution.** Because of this, we will be starting with students who do not have any access to one. **Chromebooks for these identified students in need will also be available for pickup on September 3 and 4. Families will be notified if they are receiving a Chromebook on those days via an email next week.**

Finally, attached to this email are some resources from the IMS Parent Town Hall earlier this month.

Thank you for your support of St. Martin of Tours Catholic School. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school virtually soon!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Nobles
Principal