



## Structured Alternative Learning (SAL) Days

When students are unable to be in the school building due to circumstances beyond our control...  
(physical safety concerns--i.e. inclement weather, power outage, gas leak, heat/boiler issue, construction, structural damage, etc.)  
...teaching and learning can continue!

### What happens?

- Automated phone call, email, **and/or** school website/social media will announce if a SAL day will be put into effect as soon as we are aware of the need.
- K-8 Students complete SAL day assignments given for subject areas that would normally be covered on the day.
- All assignments must be completed and turned in for a grade.

### Why?

Structured Alternative Learning will be initiated so that:

- Safety of the students comes first
- Students/ teachers avoid academic interruption
- SAL days satisfy school day requirements (no calendar makeup days!)

### **Academic Expectations:**

#### Instruction

Teachers will provide digital (or other) instruction for students to complete. Teachers will assign work for each class/subject they would typically see on that day. For self-contained classes (K-5), teachers will plan for all five major subjects (math, literacy, religion, science and social studies). Integration of subjects/assignments is encouraged.

#### Performance

Students complete the assigned tasks associated with teacher-provided instruction. It is expected that students are engaged in learning activities for approximately 45 minutes to 2 hours, depending on the grade level of the students.

#### Communication

Teachers will be available to students and parents via email or on the Google Classroom during designated times during the SAL day.

#### Practical Logistics:

- Students should bring materials home when a SAL day is predicted
- Teachers will post SAL assignments on their Google site and/or Google Classroom by 9am on the day
- SAL work is due the following school day unless otherwise noted by teachers
- All work counts and will be graded/counted toward trimester averages
- Not all snow days will be SAL days. It is unlikely that St. Francis will call a SAL day for multiple days in a row in the event that we have more than one cancellation in a row
- This is a pilot program, and subject to review and amendment