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

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