

# VCES Friday Five

September 11, 2020

Dear VCES Families,

We made it through the first week! I know that digital learning is a different way to begin the school year, but it has still been full of memorable and fun experiences. Our teachers have loved getting to know your students and families and will continue to build classroom community in order to ensure students feel comfortable. Learning on zoom is different, but we will figure it out together!

If your family is having technology issues, or cannot find schedules or assignments, please contact the classroom teacher first. They will be able to help most efficiently and will escalate the issue if they cannot support you.

Our teachers have spent time this week reviewing expectations for zoom. We wanted to share them with you, so you can help remind your students.

- Be able to sit at a table with their device (except for PE!)
- Use only their name or family name (no silly names or name changes)
- No fake backgrounds
- Stay on mute unless they are asked to participate or have a question
- Keep the video on, so the teacher can see the student
- Not eat during class time (unless a snack time is designated), water is great!
- Be dressed appropriately

Thank you for your patience as we navigate this journey together. Remember that we are blessed!

In Christ,

Melissa Doxtator

*“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” Jeremiah 17:7*

## **The Week Ahead**

There are events this weekend at some local parishes. You can access parish websites and Mass times on our [Faith Formation](#) page.

### **Monday, September 14**

-Kindergarten half day

### **Tuesday, September 15**

-Feast of St. Nicomedes

-Kindergarten half day

-VALOR meeting at 6:30pm (zoom link below)

### **Wednesday, September 16**

-Feast of Pope St. Cornelius, St. Cyprian, and Sts. Euphemia, Lucy, and Geminianus

-Kindergarten half day

### **Thursday, September 17**

-Feast of St. Hildegarde, Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi

-Kindergarten half day

### **Friday, September 18**

-Feast of St. Joseph Cupertino, Bl. John Massias

-Kindergarten half day

## **Welcome Back Mass**

Since we are unable to gather for a Back to School Mass, the campus administrators and campus ministry team have pre-recorded a Mass for students/families to view. The link was included in student lesson plans, but here is the [link](#) for any parents who would like to watch.

## **VALOR Meeting**

VALOR is our parent-school network at Valley Catholic! We will have a meeting on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend. This month we will hear school and foundation updates, chair updates, and discuss VALOR ideas to support the school, especially during virtual learning. Here is the zoom information to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88134240463?pwd=dU1JZHFKL2Z6ZndYSndnOGhoKzdzQT09>

Meeting ID: 881 3424 0463

Passcode: vc123

## **Back to School Night**

Back to School Night will take place on Tuesday, September 22nd, starting at 6:30pm. Each teacher will host two sessions, so parents with siblings can attend multiple sessions. This will be a time for parents to hear about the curriculum plans for the school year, as well as teacher expectations. More details and zoom links will be provided in the coming week.

## **Virtual After School Activities**

Many of our typical after school programs are offering virtual opportunities! Please see this [link](#) for more information on the programs and contact information.

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