

SMCS Structured Alternative Learning Days Expectations
Adapted from the Diocese of Fall River SAL Policy

- St. Mary's will announce cancellations as we have in the past, and in addition to the cancellation information, there will be an announcement of whether the day will be a SAL day or not.
- It is unlikely that St. Mary's will call a SAL day for multiple days in a row in the event that we have more than one cancellation in a row.
- The time that a teacher will be available via email to respond to parent communication regarding assignment instructions will be determined by the individual teacher (and approved by the principal), and will be communicated to parents along with the assignment instructions.
- Due dates for specific assignments will be given along with the assignment instructions.
- Teachers will assign work for each class/subject they would typically see on that day. For elementary grades (or classes that are self-contained), teachers should plan for all five major subjects (math, literacy, religion, science, and social studies). Integration of subjects/assignments is encouraged.
- It is recommended that activities for students last a total of approximately 45 minutes to 2 hours, depending on the grade level of the students. However, replicating "seat time" or *quantity* of work is not the goal - the goal is to continue quality learning while students are at home.
- Special care and consideration will be taken when assigning work for ELL students, special education students, or students who will need more assistance at home completing independent work. Individual teachers, in conjunction with the principal, will make modifications to the assignment expectations for such students.
- Teachers will update their lesson plans for a SAL day and also email assignments and directions to parents. They will note in the email the times at which they will be available for communication. These times will be reviewed and approved by the principal before they are published/sent.
- Teachers who are sending home physical/hard copy work should package the work together and send it home with students when directed by the principal if there may be a school cancellation. Teachers should email parents on the day that they send physical/hard copy work home so families understand what it is for.