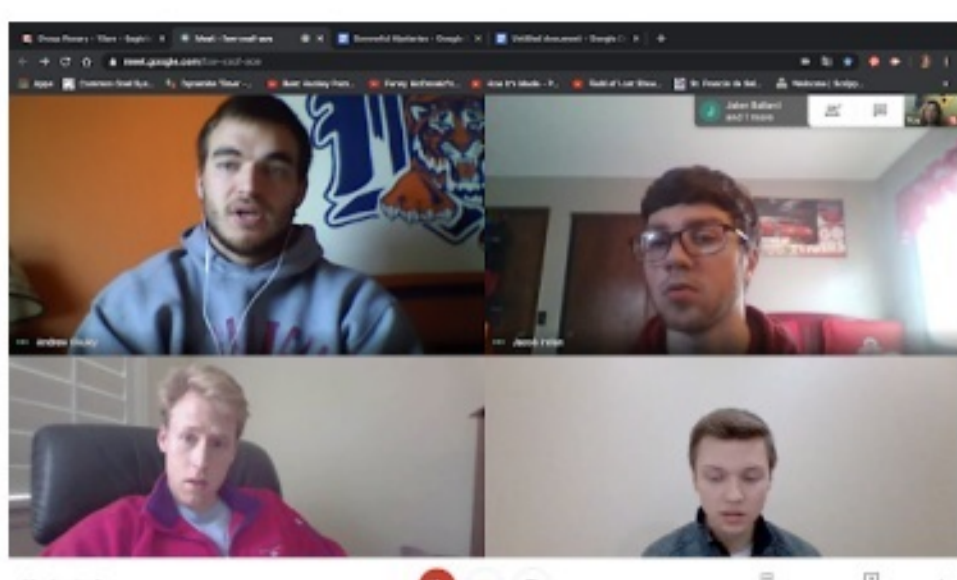




KNIGHTLINES

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During Holy Week, Campus Ministry Leaders, Mr. Andy Okuley and Mr. Dan Miller facilitated a Rosary Prayer Group for our students using Google Meet.

CARE CONNECT INNOVATE

When the Governor of Ohio, Mike DeWine, announced that all K-12 schools would be closing their buildings throughout the state, teachers and students at St. Francis, along with every other school, had to quickly adapt to entirely new platforms to deliver education. Students are understandably overwhelmed. Teachers, like everyone else, are anxious. Parents are dealing with numerous competing energies between work and family life. Everyone's lives have been upended. Yet, through the Grace of God, the genuine care and compassion for every student, the desire of the faculty to connect with their students, and the commitment to excellence, the school, as a community, has discovered innovative ways of reaching every young man at St. Francis.

Below are several changes St. Francis quickly and successfully implemented since the closure announcement to ensure continuous education and commitment to the academic, spiritual, social, and physical development of every student:

- * Made available 45 Chromebooks to students who did not have access to computers for use at home
- * Lent 15 Chromebooks to Faculty/Staff allowing them to work from home
- * Partnered with Buckeye Broadband to provide internet access to qualified students
- * Conduct Stations of the Cross Exercises led by the Campus Ministry Department
- * Workouts posted online with Coach Dan Chipka
- * Maintaining designated hours for Guidance Department Counselors to convene through Google Meet making themselves available for student support groups
- * Teachers and administrators have reached out to every student at St. Francis to touch base and check to make sure their individual needs are being met
- * Partnership with College Board Advanced Placement instructors from all over the world to provide instruction in addition to content covered in SFS AP classes
- * Utilize new and innovative platforms for delivering online education including (but not limited to) Zoom Classes, Google Classroom, and Google Meet
- * Spiritual wisdom shared by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales through social media and direct communications to all whose lives have been greatly disrupted

Teachers and administrators are focused on meeting the needs of every student. It has not been easy, but "RISE UP and battle bravely" is not just a line in the Alma Mater, it is a commitment today during the darkest hours to helping young men become the leaders of a brighter tomorrow.

Please enjoy the videos below. The first video is from current parent, **Kathy Lathrop and her son, Sam**, a current junior at St. Francis, sharing their experiences regarding a SFS Knight virtual education. The second video is from **Fr. Ron Olszewski** who offers some words of hope and wisdom during an uncertain time in our world.

