

Student responses to the question:

“As a school community, how do you think we should commemorate the one year anniversary when our school closed due to the COVID pandemic?”

Saint Brigid of Kildare School, March 2021

I think we should have a COVID dress down day or a wellness day because the students and teachers have all worked extra hard this year for everyone to stay safe. (Wellness Day was mentioned in 47 responses)

I feel like we should have a wellness day to commemorate the one year anniversary of the COVID pandemic or we should have early release...this would give us time to think about what all has happened.

As a school, I think we should celebrate we've made it this far into the pandemic without closing down by remembering all who have helped us in the medical field and make them feel good by making and sending them care packages...maybe we could do this on a wellness day.

March 13th 2020 was a very memorable day for everyone. I think we should invite our school to participate in Eucharist of Adoration. This would be a time where everyone could reflect on this past year, how it changed us and more. It would give us time personally to reflect.

Have a school wide prayer service to express our gratitude for St. Brigid keeping our students and staff safe.

I think it would be great to have a prayer service. It would be a great time to thank God for getting us through this past year

We should have a dress down day, and we should have a prayer service to thank God that we have been able to come back to school.

We should do an all school rosary commemorating the people who lost their lives in 2020 due to COVID. Or we should have a wall with some people's faces on it and the outline around it should be like a computer screen commemorating our switch from in school to online.

We should remember the fact that this pandemic is still going on and that by our actions of staying home from school we were able to stop the spread of COVID-19. To commemorate this we could help younger students to understand exactly what happened during this pandemic and

what school was like before. This is important because younger students in grade 1 or younger have been unable to have a normal school experience. We also need to remind everyone that this has been a tough time for everyone.

We could have a comfy dress down day because when we were at home we wore our comfy clothes. We could also have a prayer service and dedicate it to the people working on the front line.

As a school community, I think we should commemorate the one year anniversary for the COVID pandemic by having a short prayer session for all of the lives that were affected by COVID and all the people who have passed away from COVID.

We could look back and see how lucky we are that we are still here today. Also we could look back and see our questions about the virus and see if they had been answered.

We should have a thing where we dress down and bring something that represents what we've learned/done throughout the pandemic to find a way to not be bored.

Make a time capsule! ;)

4 day weekend " If not ice cream"

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We could do a BAWD activity somehow letting us remember all of the things we did during quarantine

I think it would be a fun idea to get on a google meet with our caregroups since we were not able to be with them this year.

I think that every year we should wear masks on that day to remember all the things that happened and all the things we had to do to keep each other safe. We could also have a special treat (maybe) that somehow relates to our situation.

I think we should have a party or do some other fun thing like a field trip

I was thinking something with photos to look back on memories

I think that our school should commemorate our one year anniversary of the shut down by having some sort of dress down day. We could have an afternoon party, or I wonder if we could have a pajama day since that was all we wore once everything shut down!?

We could celebrate by having a party here at school

I say that we have a part of a class where we learn about how COVID has affected different groups of people more or less. We should also look at the deaths and the struggles people have gone through during this time and learn why it was major. We can learn about what we could have done better, and give ourselves a pat on the back for what we did do. Also, we can wear sweatpants and be lazy to know what it feels like to be in quarantine and our emotions too.