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Dear families,

I write to you today to update you with our plans for continued distance learning in light of Governor Tom Wolf's declaration that schools will remain closed until the end of the academic year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although our school building is closed, learning is still happening. As a school staff, we remain committed to helping our students achieve.

To that end, we are updating some of our policies so that we can continue to promote high quality instruction while balancing the demands that are on parents during this unprecedented time. Our previous commitment to teaching Math, ELA, Religion, and (in some grades) Science and Social Studies remains. These additional policies are effective Monday, April 20:

- **Teachers will hold at a minimum two live-instruction classes a week.** Your child's teacher will communicate those meeting times with you in separate communication if not already done so.
- **Teachers will update families weekly on Fridays with their child's progress for that week.** Parents will be updated on their child's attendance at Zoom classes and on their child's completion of work.
- **Fridays will be a day for families to catch-up with no teaching or assignments posted.** We recognize the fact that families need flexibility with distance learning. Teachers will be available for questions and feedback.

We value our partnership with families and recognize that we cannot work alone. Your assistance with the following practices will support our work and create the best atmosphere possible for student learning:

- **Communicate with your child's teacher.** If you have concerns about the work posted, your family's ability to complete work, or other struggles that present themselves, please let us know so that we can determine how to best support you at this time. We recognize the need to be flexible and adaptive to challenges that present themselves and will work with you for a solution.
- **Keep your child on a school schedule.** School is still in session, and committing your child to a regular sleep schedule and work schedule will set them up for success.
- **Help your child set up a suitable work station.** Students should be sitting at a table or desk dressed appropriately with any supplies needed near them.
- **Talk to your child about the work that they need to complete.** All work is clearly posted on teacher websites/Class Dojos/Google Classroom, accessible through the school website.

While online instruction for students will continue through June, all on-site extracurricular activities including field trips, athletic events, retreats, etc. will be cancelled. Aside from the instructional implications, this news may have you thinking of the impact on the many important traditions that take place the last few months of school, particularly for our eighth grade. Information on how this change will impact eighth grade specifically will be shared with eighth grade parents once it is available. We are committed to holding a graduation ceremony and are considering several options that will allow us to do so safely. Spring is always a special time in our school, and while we will all feel the loss of not being able to spend this time together in person, we will find ways to honor our traditions and to connect with students. We know that this news will deeply impact you and your children and that you will likely have questions. Over the coming weeks, we will do our best to stay in communication and answer those questions as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience with us as we all navigate these uncertain times. No matter what, we are committed to our mission of providing a transformative Catholic education and developing students intellectually, emotionally and spiritually.

Sincerely,

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