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Dear St. Mary's School Families,

I hope and pray that your family is doing well during this unprecedented time as we stay tuned to the ever-evolving COVID-19 situation. Per Archdiocesan guidance, our physical school building will be closed until further notice, but we are still open for business. That means that we will continue to educate your child(ren) via distance teaching and learning.

I am so proud of our teachers and staff here at St. Mary's School as they have stepped up in so many ways to ensure that our students are learning (i.e. teacher created videos/lessons, Zoom/Google Meetings with check-ins/lessons, Google Classroom, etc.). I met with teachers and staff again virtually today as we embrace this new vehicle for delivering instruction and learning and how to improve it. We have now streamlined all Zoom/Google class meetings so that only one class is scheduled for a Zoom/Google Meeting at a time. These will occur between 9AM – 3PM on school days only. This allows families with multiple students to have equitable access to their class meeting time. Teachers will also allow students adequate time to complete assignments and submit them.

Going forward, if your child(ren) is not already participating via distance learning, they will need to do so as teachers will be assessing students in their learning and entering 4th Qtr. Grades in Teacherease. Teachers will also continue to instruct students via Google Classroom, videos, and via virtual check-ins/class meetings. If your child needs any technology assistance, any other type of support, or a different accommodation, please let your child's teacher or me know as soon as possible so that we may assist your child/family. Given our new situation, teachers may schedule a drop-off/pick-up date for classwork/textbooks/supplies. However, this is yet to be determined. Stay tuned to your child's teacher on this endeavor.

Furthermore, St. Mary's School will still have First Communion and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation. At this time, they are postponed until June. We will celebrate though as the students have earned it!

Finally, if your family's financial situation has changed due to the circumstances facing our nation with COVID-19 and closures, please email me and I would be happy to discuss alternatives/remedies.

It is our goal to continue to serve our SMS families and educate our students in Christ. We are still working and here for YOU! Please reach out to us if you need anything.

God Bless You, Your Family, and Our School and Country,

*Mrs. Harville*, Principal

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*At Saint Mary's Catholic School, we are committed to the growth of our Catholic identity, academic potential and community involvement.*