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Dear St. Mary's School Families,

I continue to hope and pray that your family is doing well during this unprecedented time as we stay tuned to the ever-evolving COVID-19 situation. I just want to extend my appreciation to all of our families and parents. I want you to know that whatever you need to do to get through this crisis, it will be enough and you are not alone. We will get through this together! Thank you for all you do! I am so proud of our families and our school community! Stay strong!

From the school angle, 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. I have encouraged teachers to try video instruction as we move forward thanks to the feedback many of you have shared or provided. I have also communicated to everyone that we will abide by our school calendar for the remainder of the school year. Thus, there should not be any work on Good Friday or this Easter Monday.

On a spiritual note, this week is Holy Week. Holy Week offers us a time to pause, reflect, and pray as we ponder on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This mystery, often called the Paschal Mystery, recalls us to the saving work of the Lord. His death frees us from the burdens of sin and death, and his resurrection opens for us the path to eternal life. This mystery is profoundly experienced over the Triduum: Holy Thursday – the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday – the Passion of the Christ, and Easter – the Resurrection of the Lord. I encourage your family to pause, reflect, and pray this week and to join Father Clement's Mass and other Holy Week events by visiting:

https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=clement%20niggel%20daily%20mass&epa=SEARCH_BOX

To boost school spirit, please dust off those St. Mary's hoodies and t-shirts and wear them proudly. Please send us a photo of our fantastic students doing something fun while showing school spirit! I recently just wore my Roadrunner shirt on the top of Sandia Peak! Go Roadrunners! Email pictures to contest@stmarysbelen.com with your students name. Pictures will be accepted from April 6th through April 17th and the winner will be announced April 20th. Winners will receive a SMS Spirit (1st Place) or SMS Spirit item (2nd and 3rd Place).

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

Prayerfully Yours during This Holy Week, *Mrs. Harville*, Principal

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