



Thursday, March 19, 2020

Dear St. Francis de Sales
Parents and Guardians,

As information continues to be updated and changed about COVID-19, I wanted to inform you that we have been given instruction by the Diocese of San Bernardino in conjunction with the County of Riverside to continue Distant Learning for our students until April 30, 2020. We will continue to practice social distancing to keep our community safe. Our teachers were given a few days to pull this together and have been doing an amazing job getting structure and lessons in place for our students. I ask that you continue to practice patience with our staff as they continue to work through this process.

I encourage you to stay in contact with your teachers so they may be aware of any issues that may arise. If students or parents need help or do not understand the lessons, please encourage them to reach out through the Class DoJo App. We will be experimenting with other video Apps as well to help clarify and explain lessons.

We would like your input as to how we can do things better for our children. Please reach out to our teachers for any help needed and any information that would be helpful for you. Also, please have your students check in daily as teachers are keeping attendance. If your child is sick and cannot do their work, please let your teacher know so they can be marked absent and given extended time on their work.

We will continue to provide education to our students on a daily basis, with lessons plans and grading as well as digital communication.

We will observe Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Break at our regular time. I do not know if Bishop will open the churches up for Masses by that time. We still are planning on our first communion and baptisms, whenever we can get back to our schedules. They are cancelled, just postponed. We will send you updates on that as well.

Also, I would like to encourage you to take pictures with your child and their distant learning station and share them on our social media platforms. This will be a memorable time for them. These experiences and memories will last a lifetime. This is a stressful time for all businesses and organizations out there not just in education. People are all adapting to working from home and doing what is called teleworking. We pray for all our families as they adapt in their professional lives. I know many of you are first responders and we pray for all families to remain in good health.

I know that some churches are planning to stream on their Facebook Mass for Sunday. This would be good practice as a family to see Mass and pray as a family. I am attaching a prayer that was shared with me that you can share with your families.

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.
We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus, I trust in You.
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Amen.

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