

March 22, 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope this email finds your family healthy and well, as the numbers of victims of the Coronavirus in the Houston area continues to rise. It is likely that as testing becomes more accessible, these numbers will rise even faster. At this time, we have no reported cases of the virus in our school community. We hope and pray this continues to be the case! Please be sure to follow all quarantine guidelines and protect your family and our community, by staying home and practicing social distancing. I KNOW how hard it is (especially with our little kiddos) to keep them away from friends and play groups, but it is the ONLY way to stop this terrible crisis. It can be tempting to minimize the importance of social distancing when we don't feel the terror of it in our own families, but let's not make that terrible mistake. Stay home, don't plan playdates (unless virtually!) and always practice safe hygiene whenever you must leave the house. We hope and pray that these extreme practices will prevent the devastation that we've seen around the world. Should you or your family members test positive for the virus, please let us know! We want to keep you in our prayers and support you in any way possible. We want to make sure we track and respond to any impact that this Coronavirus may have on our St. Theresa community.

We are here to support you! As I've mentioned, the teachers and staff have busy preparing lessons and activities for your children to continue their learning despite being away from campus. You should have received (or will receive soon) a communication from your child's homeroom teacher explaining their plans for Distance Learning. All teachers have a Teacher WebPage which can be found on the school website under Academics. Teachers will be posting a Weekly Agenda and Morning Messages everyday. Please check there for information on Distance Learning for your child. The Archdiocese is requiring a daily attendance log. Teachers will be sending out "Attendance Checks" to be completed by 11am each day. This is just a parent or student verification that the student will be working on assigned Distance Learning activities that day.

We believe that communication is vital, but we know it's especially important during this time of isolation. Please see below for our STCS Communication Plan during Distance Learning:

CSO to Principals-

- Zoom Meetings twice a week on Wednesdays & Fridays

STCS ADMINISTRATION TEAM Meetings-

- Administrators will have weekly Zoom Meetings on Mondays

ALL STAFF Meetings-

- Zoom Meetings every other Friday
- Daily collaboration & support through online Work Group

#### GRADE LEVEL TEAM Meetings-

- Teachers will have weekly Zoom Meetings as scheduled with an assigned Administrator:

#### ADMINISTRATION to Parents-

- Daily FB Announcements at 8am
- Weekly email updates
- LRC will be reaching out to teachers and families daily to support LRC students
- We are available DAILY- if you need help with ANYTHING please reach out and let us know!!
- Mr. Wilson is available for Tech Support too! [Zach.wilson@sttheresa.cc](mailto:Zach.wilson@sttheresa.cc)

#### TEACHERS to Parents-

- Daily Morning Message with daily tasks
- Daily Attendance
- Weekly Agenda w/TEKS posted on Webpage
- Daily "Office Hours"
- Daily interaction through various online platforms: Email, Zoom, Google Classroom, Class DoJo (these will look different based on each teacher)

We will continue to keep you informed as we know more information. At this time we are still planning on returning to campus April 13th, but preparing for that to be extended. It is likely that we will not be able to hold any large community events even if/when we do return to campus, so we are currently trying to figure out the rest of the events scheduled for this year. We will let you know about any changes as soon possible.

Please know that you are in our prayers and we are here to support you in any way we can...please don't hesitate to reach out, especially as we begin our distance learning endeavor tomorrow!

#### **Prayer for the Christian community during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

We are not people of fear:

We are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:

We are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed:

We are people of generosity.

We are your people God,

giving and loving,

wherever we are,

whatever it costs

For as long as it takes

wherever you call us.

**Amen.**