



“Whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” –Matthew 20: 27-28

Dear Parents and Guardians,

March 12, 2020

During this pandemic time, St. Anthony and all Catholic schools are working with the Center for Disease Control and the Health Department to ensure good health and safety for all in our school community. Our cleaning service and our staff are working to keep our school clean and sanitized. Our teachers have also reiterated the importance of sanitizing and washing hands properly, disposing of used tissues immediately after use, avoiding touching the face, eyes, and mouth, and staying out of school if one feels sick. Your reinforcement is appreciated.



The Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools Office has a plan in place, in conjunction with our schools, to continue student learning should any school need to close due to COVID-19. On Monday, our faculty created contingency plans in the case that we would have to close school. These packets and/ or online assignments will only be shared if school must be closed. They contain a variety of reading assignments, review, and opportunities for continued learning.

I will share updates as needed over the coming days and weeks. In the meantime, let us exercise reasonable measures to ensure good health and also stay calm so that our students do not experience unnecessary stress.

We are seeking donations of disinfectant wipes, disinfectant sprays, antibacterial soap, and facial tissue. Your generosity is appreciated.

Students who play an instrument or who use mouth pieces in music class should be sure to keep their equipment clean. Cell phones should also be cleaned on a regular basis.

The following events are being postponed. New dates will be shared soon.

- Student Council Lock-In (March 20)
- Sneaker Jam (March 21)
- ADW Band Festival (March 22)
- Soccer Tournament
- Open House (March 25)
- CYO Banquet (April 2)

Re-registration for the 2020-2021 school year is underway. To secure your child's seat, please complete the TADS online re-registration as soon as possible. You may access your account by reviewing the email invitation that was sent on January 29th or by contacting the main office. Fortunately, there is great interest from prospective families. However, delaying re-registration could jeopardize your child's enrollment.

Attention Pre-K Families: The non-refundable registration/re-registration fee is \$300.00, not \$500.00 as stated online. TADS will correct this error by early next week. If you have any questions, please contact us. We are happy to support you during this process.

OSP... All DC residents are strongly encouraged to learn more about the Opportunity Scholarship Program. The program has improved its process and can now help more families. Contact "Serving Our Children" today, 1-888- DC-YOUTH (329-6884).

Summer Program... Our 2020 Summer Program is now registering rising Kindergarten-Grade 2 students for its six-week summer program. (Our Pre-K group is now full.) The program runs June 22 – July 31. Hours are 8:30 AM-3:30 PM. More details, the registration form, and the payment link can be found on our website. Remaining seats will fill quickly; interested families should register today! Contact Mrs. Andercheck with any questions.



Stations of the Cross... Our Grade 1-8 students will pray the Stations of the Cross in our church on Monday, March 16. We will pray the stations again at the Franciscan Monastery on Monday, March 30.

Please check your email and visit our website to stay informed. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Michael Thomasian
Principal

PS: As a reminder, tomorrow is our "Pastor's Holiday." Classes will resume on Monday.



Proudly celebrating our 97th year!