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Dear Parents:

I think it is important to touch base before we embark on the next two weeks of virtual learning. The transition from in person to remote learning is not easy for anyone, so please bear with the students and teachers. Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th were chosen to be half days to ease the in person students back into their "virtual" classrooms. [The Required Remote Learning Document](#) will provide the framework for students to follow. Please refer to the document over the weekend in order to re-acclimate your child to our online platform. Teachers have also shared schedules and other resources via email and have been working with students in the classroom to prepare for the upcoming virtual week. Students will log on to their Google Meet and all teachers will log in to teach them. There will be no need to log in and out when classes change.

Research suggests it is imperative to develop a routine when working online. We will adhere to our current schedule. Attendance will be taken and students will be responsible for work assigned. Please designate a unique space for your child/children to complete their assignments. It is also important they get dressed "for school" every morning. Students in their pajamas do not focus and get into a mindset to learn. Please remember that students should have their cameras turned on so that they may interact with the teacher and other students. Finally, all STEM classes will be independent study during our virtual week. Mrs. Cannizzo will be covering one of our second grade classes until our newly hired teacher is able to start at St. Benedict. STEM assignments will be posted on Google Classroom.

I believe this time out of the building will energize our students and staff from the challenges we all have faced since the beginning of this school year. The entire building will be deep cleaned to ensure the safety of our students and faculty.

Thank you for your constant support and unwavering commitment to St. Benedict School. I wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. We all, certainly, have much to be thankful for.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Donahue". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

Kevin Donahue