

Weekly Memo for Monday 30 March 2020

Hello SMS families,

As we continue to reinvent what we do as educators there are some definite things that should stay the same. Now that we are well into online/correspondence learning, let's get back to our weekly memos as the main mode of communication. Of course, if something new arises (can't even imagine what that could possibly be!) know that I will communicate with you in a timely manner.

Keep sending in your pictures and videos of your kids in their new learning environments. We love seeing the them and posting to our Facebook page, which is the main method for us to tell our story and continue to grow our school. Believe it or not, right after the governor made the announcement to close schools for the remainder of the year, two families called the school to inquire about enrolling for the fall.

One of the things I personally am having the hardest time with is not being able to go to mass. There is a 30-minute mass that can be found here: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/> It can also be found on the school's website at <https://stmarys.me>

Positive Principal referrals for this week are as follows: Aubrielle Benavidez for the virtues of gratitude and faith ~ Aliana Torres for the virtue of mercy. Thank you, young ladies, for your virtuous behavior. You made your teacher's heart smile!

Early childhood will still be exchanging assignments with their parents. The governor has given us the green light to continue this. Your teacher will be in touch with you to coordinate this. Enriching teachers will begin to teach remotely on 6 April 2020. Ms. Rivera will not be teaching music remotely because she has taken on a new roll for our teachers, as our Google Classroom support and instruction. This is essential for our teachers to be able to provide lessons supported by the standards online. Mrs. Groves will not be teaching computers remotely due to the extended screen time students are currently experiencing. Many of our students are still logging into the coding sites they are familiar with and continuing their lessons. A resource page can be found on our homepage if you would like your student to continue to code and produce 3D models online.

I will be doing morning announcements on Facebook Live beginning tomorrow morning between 8 am and 9 am for students, families and anyone else that would like to join. I had difficulty doing this last week on the online platform, Bomb Bomb. Once I have time to troubleshoot it, I will look back into that method.

As many of us continue to work remotely, the Sycamore homepage will continue to be updated. Please log on to Sycamore for information on the following:

Catholic Award for Teachers

Best Places to Work 2020

Two Way Immersion Network

Fundraising & Event Information

Computer resources for coding

Please continue to pray for our school, community and country. Have a blessed day. Now go wash your hands!

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