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Dear St Augustine School Families,

I pray that this e-mail finds you well and safe.

Our lives have changed very dramatically over the last few weeks and I know that parents in particular have been impacted by trying to figure out how to manage remote learning and balancing the financial needs of the entire family. Please know that we are all committed to working together with you to make the experience better for everyone, especially our students.

As we navigate a new playing field, we need to recognize that it is not level. But together we must recognize our positives: we have highly qualified and devoted teachers, wonderful children and truly supportive parents. I have been privileged to witness some outstanding examples of our teacher's creativity and ingenuity and student's eagerness to learn in our continuing online instruction. I am grateful to them and to you for your cooperation in this new process of teaching and learning. Embracing this challenge makes growth and success possible for all of our students.

Today, even in the midst of this new learning environment, we continue to depend on your tuition payments to provide the funds to pay our teachers and staff. In order for our school community to continue to thrive, it has never been more important that everyone fulfill their tuition obligation. But we also recognize that some of you are facing your own financial challenges as a result of this pandemic. If your family is experiencing a financial crisis, please let me know. We have already ceased charging late fees so as not to add to any family's tuition obligation. Please know that delayed or partial payments will not be penalized in any way. If the current crisis has created new challenges for you, please be assured that we will consider carefully any request to defer your tuition payments.

In addition, there are a variety of resources that are available to you and your family through the Archdiocese, as well as other organizations that have responded to this crisis. The links to those services can be found on our website. <https://catholicschoolsny.org/covid-19/>

Finally, be assured of my daily prayers for you and your family that you may be blessed with peace, trust in God's care, strong health, and every good gift.

St Augustine Pray for us!

Sincerely yours,

Sr Mary Elizabeth Donoghue, Principal