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Dear Parents and Guardians of Saint George Independent School,

This letter accompanies your child's first progress report for the 2020-2021 school year. The students returned in September hungry for learning. They came appreciating the fact that they would be back in their classroom versus seeing their teacher on ZOOM. Hopefully, you will see the results of this enthusiasm and encourage your child to continue studying hard. If you do not see that your child is performing according to his or her potential, please contact your child's teacher and set up a time to speak on the phone. The progress report is an opportunity to address weaknesses and correct them before the end of the first trimester on November 25th. First report cards will be issued on December 4.

Just as the appreciation for learning must continue so does the appreciation for being able to learn in a classroom must continue. On the reverse side of this letter is one from Dr. Andrew McLaughlin. I have been on the Task Force mentioned in the letter. Each week we meet to review safe practices and share lessons learned from various situations. I cannot emphasize enough the need to follow the CDC guidelines of wearing a mask, washing our hands, and maintaining social distancing. Please follow these guidelines when waiting with and for your child on Edgemont Street. All our efforts are for naught when, outside the school, the guidelines are not followed. The upcoming holidays are a major concern. Two-week quarantines are required when returning from a state on the quarantine list.

Yesterday was the first day for our winter uniform. Your children look beautiful. Wednesdays are gym days, and the students will wear their gym uniforms on those days. School pictures are on Monday, October 26th and the forms were distributed yesterday.

Home and School will be sponsoring a catalog fundraiser that features snacks, desserts, and other gift items. Fundraiser materials will be distributed this week. The Home and School has purchased much of what was needed to start the school year with the monies raised. Your participation in these fundraisers, although optional, is much appreciated.

Due to several problems that have occurred because of water bottles on the desks, students will keep their water bottles in their lunch or school bags. Just as teachers see the need for mask breaks throughout the day, they will also determine, if there is the need for water breaks.

The need for continued staff development before March necessitates scheduling Monday, November 30, for this purpose. It is the Monday after Thanksgiving. There will be no teacher in-service in May as is listed on the Back to School Calendar.

Thank you for your trust in St. George.

God be with you,

Joanne H. Walls, Ed.D.
Principal