

May 30, 2020

Dear St. Paul Families,

It was a very bittersweet day yesterday! The Last Day of Distance Learning, not how we wanted the school year to end! Distance Learning was something that we were not prepared for, just like all schools in our nation. We set a plan in the beginning, thinking it was for only a few weeks, then to find out it was extended for the rest of the year. The teachers and staff made adjustments as we were navigating through this new way of teaching/learning. Were we perfect? No, we were not. Did we learn to do things differently? Yes, we did. Will we do things differently if Distance Learning happens again? Yes, if we need to do Distance Learning again at any point, we will be doing things differently. I am working with the AOD and SPS teachers to set a Distance Learning Plan. I am hoping we will have that set sometime early summer. I will be sending that out to the families as soon as we have that set.

I have received some new questions this week, please see the New FAQ.

Your help is needed to support the growing number of new families registered at St. Paul! Each of the new families will be paired up with a current St. Paul Mentor Family who has children in the same grade/approximately the same age. Mentor families act as a first year “buddy” to new families if you are able to volunteer as a mentor family, please email Mrs. Coldicott at ecoldicott@stpaulonthelake.org

Again, thank you for all of your patience during this time. I know it was not easy for any of us, but your thoughts, prayers, and patience during this time was much appreciated. As always, please do not hesitate to email me if you have any further questions. tforsythe@stpaulonthelake.org

Many Happy Blessings,

Mrs. Forsythe

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (New Ones)

Why are there no Drive by Parades for the Graduates?

- SPS is following the guidelines of the AOD and the AOD has stated that we should not be having Parades, as it is a liability.

Is there a plan in place if school resumes in the fall? (Will students be 6 feet apart, will students wear face masks, and will the school be disinfected daily?)

- Mrs. Forsythe is working with the AOD on a plan for all the schools. Safety of our St. Paul Community is our number 1 priority, and we want to make sure that everyone in our community is safe while following the CDC, Government, and AOD guidelines. When the plan or plans are in place, she will share those with you.

When and where can we drop off textbooks and materials that were used at home during Distance Learning?

- Mrs. Forsythe is setting a schedule for parents to drop off any materials that were used at home during Distance Learning. We will send that out to parents as soon as that is complete.

When can we pick up our children's belongings from their lockers and desks?

- Mrs. Forsythe is working on a schedule for parents to pick up students' belongings. We will send that out to parents as soon as that is complete.

What about graduation? Confirmation? First Communion? Will my child miss out on these things?

- **The Sacrament of Communion** will take place, we have set a date and the parents of those children have been notified.
- **The Sacrament of Confirmation** has been postponed, we will keep you updated on the new dates as those become available.
- **Graduation Mass for 8th Grade** will take place, we have set a date and the parents of those children have been notified. We are still in the planning process for the Mass. Thank you to the Marketing Committee and the St. Paul Staff for coordinating the Graduations Signs and the gifts for the students. Also to Mr. Hakim and Mrs. Winchester for the Sign Drop off!!!!
- **Graduation for Kindergarten** will not take place. The teachers did a Special Drop off to the students this past week, Thank you Ms. Maka, Ms. Campanelli, Mrs. Handwork, and Mrs. Verderbar for making our Kindergarteners feel special!!! Thank you to the parents who arranged for the Graduation Signs.
- **Graduation for Preschool** will not take place. We are working on a plan to have the preschoolers come back and have a special day with their teachers (Former and New). We will keep you posted!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (Past Newsletters)

Is there a 2020/2021 School Calendar?

- Mrs. Forsythe is following the directives of the AOD. When the information is given to Mrs. Forsythe, she will share that with you.

Will the Distant Learning continue again next school year?

- Mrs. Forsythe is following the directives of the AOD. The AOD is following the guidance of the Governor.

Will there a different way that the distance learning will occur?

- Mrs. Forsythe is working on a committee with the AOD Superintendent, other AOD Principals, and St. Paul Teachers to develop a platform for distance learning.

Will there be any summer work packets or summer workbooks for the students?

- Mrs. Coldicott has ordered summer workbooks for all of our students, we will distribute those to our students sometime in June.

How do I access PowerSchool for grades?

- For parents in grades 3-8, if you have forgotten your login information, please email Mrs. Wilson at cwilson@stpaulonthelake.org for that information.

Can I still send in Teacher Requests for next year?

- Yes, Mrs. Forsythe will accept them only if you have already registered for the 2020/2021 School Year. Please email Mrs. Forsythe at tforsythe@stpaulonthelake.org by June 1st.

Do all families need to use the new FACTS Program to pay tuition?

- Any Family that pays their tuition in Full by June 1, 2020---No
- Any Family that has not paid the tuition in Full by June 1, 2020---Yes
- Any Family that registers after June 1, 2020---Yes

Is there one spot to find all of my children's work instead of the multiple emails?

- Yes, if you go to the stpaulonthelake.com website, under Distance Learning you will find all of the lessons.

Are you still accepting Registrations for next year?

- Yes, if you have not registered yet for the 2020/2021 School Year, please send registration packets in. You may drop those off at the Parish Office and place in the Mail

slot of the Parish Office Door or Mail those to the Parish Office: Attention Barb Stahl, 157 Lakeshore Drive, GPF 48236.

- If you have misplaced your registration packet, we have attached the forms to this email.

Do I still pay my tuition for the 2020/2021 School Year?

- Yes, please continue to pay your tuition for the 2020/2021 School Year, please send your payments in. You may drop those off at the Parish Office and place in the Mail slot of the Parish Office Door or Mail those to the Parish Office: Attention Barb Stahl, 157 Lakeshore Drive, GPF 48236.

Do we still receive the 3% Discount on the tuition if it is paid in full by May 1st or has that been extended?

- We have extended the deadline to register and pay in full to receive the 3% discount to June 1st.