



Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we bring closure to this unprecedented school year, the School Advisory Board (SAB) would like to take a moment to thank our teachers and administration and highlight the work and energy they have expended to meet the needs of our students and adapt to ever-changing times. We have all been faced with incredible challenges these past twelve weeks. Yet, the learning was never put on pause. With only one professional development day to deliver a structured plan for distance learning before closing the campus, the administration was prepared and offered the support our teachers needed as they re-envisioned their lesson plans. Zoom, Google Classroom, Kami, Epic!, E-locker, BrainPop and many other resources soon became familiar jargon for teachers, parents, and students as we navigated this new reality together. We embraced the learning curve that distance learning posed, and teachers worked tirelessly to listen to feedback, streamline processes and fine tune the school's virtual learning approach under Mrs. Penny's leadership.

The SAB would also like to recognize the contributions of our families and the continued strength of our school community. The outpouring of participation for our virtual events like Teacher Appreciation, May Crowning, and our many graduation celebrations reminded all of us of how connected we remain. As the school year draws to a close, our children are being celebrated, and our social media feed only captures a fraction of the emotion that have flooded these events. Particularly touching was the way faculty and administration honored our 8th grade students through special deliveries, diploma pick up/delivery, and a virtual graduation dinner and ceremony as the Class of 2020 marked this special milestone. While these end-of- year traditions have had to adapt in ways that we had never imagined, our community has not wavered. We have found the joy and have come together to celebrate these moments.

Our families continue to be the backbone of our school and the reason why so many of our incoming families seek admission. They hear from you about our academics, rich Catholic faith, and our strong community. Because of your steadfast commitment and the good stewardship of the school's administration, we remain on sound financial footing and have weathered this crisis together.

As we look to the next school year, our School Advisory Board will be working with the faculty and administration to help develop plans to re-open our school. A task force committee has been formed to engage in discussion and collaboration in order to safely, and in accordance with state and local government guidelines as well as those of the Archdiocese, open our school. That committee looks forward to keeping our community informed as new information becomes available. Much of the Board's work this past year has been developing a strategic plan for our school based on the solicited feedback we have received over the past two years. While the pandemic interrupted plans this past spring to share this with you, we look forward to sharing this work next fall when the new school year gets underway.

Until then, wishing you and your families a healthy, safe and restful summer.

Best regards,  
The St. Elizabeth School Advisory Board