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Dear SJCS Parents, Families, Faculty and Community,

The 19-20 school year is rapidly ending! Though none of us would have predicted this unusual finish, I am very proud of each student for finishing strong and for parents being resilient facilitators to our distance learning transition. You all have exhibited grace and bravery. Know that the teachers and I are so grateful for your support.

Superintendent West has made the decision that we will remain with our traditional school calendar with the first day of school being on Monday, August 17th. We will be working on our academic plan to move seamlessly in and out of distance learning. We know that we will continue to manage social distancing. I will be sending out the official SJCS Calendar for 20-21 to each of you via email, post on Facebook, and the SJCS website, as soon as the Archdiocesan office approves it.

Changes for the 20-21 school year in staff will include: Mrs. Shelley Marek will be returning to the Library Learning Center. We are excited to have her in the library where she will work with all of our students. Our first grade teacher, Mrs. Stephanie Thomas, will be leaving SJCS to pursue other professional opportunities. Mrs. Gloria Valdes, Business and Development, has resigned to focus on family and personal wellness. We will miss these professionals dearly.

We are currently implementing a cleaning process to meet all local requirements for the safety and well-being of everyone in the community. Because summer care is under the regulations of the Texas Department of Health and Human Services and they have reduced their ratio of students to teachers, we are currently NOT staffed to offer a summer program. Once we have staff and can meet state standards, we will try to resume our summer care program. Jennifer Velez will send out a list of summer care referrals.

We will have students again on campus August 17th. We look forward to creating exciting and faith filled learning opportunities for all of our students. Stay safe and healthy over the summer! We will see you soon!

United in Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Johanna Lopez". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the principal.

Johanna Lopez Principal