

March 25, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Let me begin by saying how much we miss all of our students. We are concerned for our students' health and well-being, as well as their families. Although none of us have experienced a pandemic before, the St. Mary's students, parents, educators, county and community leaders, and all other stakeholders have quickly risen to the occasion, as usual! We would like to thank everyone for your kindness and support. We understand many of you are still working and have several children to help, financial concerns, health issues, etc. We are here to patiently support our students and you throughout this challenging time.

Our teachers are making efforts to keep in contact with students by way of emails, notes, Facebook, etc. We are going to do our best to provide schoolwork to keep our students' minds moving forward. But you are the parents and they are with you, so you have control to adjust as needed for your child/children. Any work that teachers are sharing on line is optional. These are just meant to help you keep your children learning and engaged. Please do not stress over the school work via distance learning or printed packets. Frustrations are high due to our circumstances and we don't want to increase the stress on our families. Again, contact your teacher via email or call the school number and leave a message if you need help. We also ask for your patience and understanding as we travel this new territory, too. Our teachers and other employees are working long hours from home while dealing with their new, but temporary, normal.

We look forward to the day when we will be able to re-open the school doors so we can see all the bright, smiling faces of our students once again.

Sincerely,

Mr. Berg

6-12 Principal