

March 13, 2020



Dear St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Students and Parents:

With the state-mandated closure of all schools through April 5, I wanted to share with you our school's plan to continue the learning process while students are out of the building. Given the dynamic of the situation, the teaching staff is continuing to develop instructional plans for the coming days, while many were able to provide their students with assignments and instructions today.

In addition, here is what you can expect:

- Teachers will send any required assignments, notes, or any necessary materials via email to students.
- Teachers will be available for communication with students to answer questions over email throughout the school week.
- Assignments, projects, and any other class work will come with a deadline.
- The end of the marking period will remain as scheduled. Any additional work completed will be counted for fourth quarter.
- All students were able to access the library today and are expected to continue reading.
- Please check RenWeb for any outstanding late work your child may have.

As a staff, we met today and discussed the implications this has on curriculum and the education of our students. Teachers are making plans to focus on the essentials, providing as much support as possible in the interim and especially upon our return to school. The everchanging landscape that his environment has created will force us to be flexible. We will continue to monitor and adjust as this situation continues to unfold.

As we prayed the morning Divine Mercy Chaplet, I reminded our students of the theme from last Friday's retreat from Matthew 17:7, "*Rise, and do not be afraid*". We are certainly entering uncharted territory, but despite that, our faith remains a steadying force.

Prayer must truly be our first and strongest answer to any difficulty we may face. Know of our prayers for all our students, families, and the entire school community. May God protect our school, state, nation, and world.

God Bless,

Carl Scholten
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