

Annunciation School Newsletter

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If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:31

Dear Parents,

Yesterday I was sad, disappointed, and frustrated when I learned that the shelter in place regulations were pushed back keeping us out of school for another month; an hour later, I came home to find all three of my teenage children, including my daughter home from college, painting pictures together at our kitchen table and I was filled with happiness and contentment. I think we can all relate to the wide range of emotions felt during this quarantine period and struggle with these competing emotions daily. Each family is unique and experiencing different struggles – from sibling squabbles in close quarters to job loss and economic hardships. I ask each of you to pray for our Annunciation school and parish families during this difficult time.

As you know, the governor has pushed the shelter in place regulations back to April 30, which means we will continue e-learning through the month of April. Daily e-learning lessons will continue this week. Next week is Holy Week and our teachers will offer enrichment lessons or wrap-up lessons/projects for Monday, April 6 through Wednesday, April 8. We will also send out some service project ideas for students to work on in observation of Holy Week. We will officially start our spring break on Thursday, April 9 and resume e-learning on Monday, April 20. The teachers and I know that e-learning is far removed from the ideal learning environment and that it can be difficult for families to manage, but we thank you for your support and encouragement. I am very proud of how well our teachers and students have adapted and continue to push forward with strong learning.

There seems to be no good way to work this topic into this letter, but I must address the topic of tuition. Approximately two-thirds of our school income comes from tuition, with parish assessment, Tradition of Excellence, and donations making up the other third. Steady tuition collection is essential to running our school and even in this time of school building closure we still rely on our families to fulfill their financial commitment. Currently we have families who are past due on their tuition. Please consult your TADS account to see your account status. Father Patrick and I are aware that the shelter in place order has affected the job status of many people and we do not want that to interfere with your child's ability to attend our school. If needed, I ask you to communicate with me about your current inability to pay so we can make arrangements for extending your payments into the summer. The diocese stipulates that we must be provided with documentation of loss of job or wages in order to work out a payment plan with families. Please contact me via email to discuss your tuition account. On a hopeful note, registration for 2020-2021 continues so please accept your TADS agreement for next year if you haven't already done so.

At this point, all school events for the months of April and May are pending our return to school and will be rescheduled as possible. Our Walk-a-Thon will be postponed to a date in May upon our return and individual classes will be notified of specific events, such as First Communion.

Thank you again for your support during this uncertain time. I pray that we are all back to school in May to finish up the year! The students and teachers would relish the opportunity to close out the year together!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Wardynski P.S. Check out the message from Mrs. Eversole on the the next page...

Dear Annunciation Students and Families,

One of the silver linings of this experience is that it has given us the opportunity to catch up on some projects that we often don't have time to do. The Annunciation school website has been updated with many pictures from the 2019-2020 school year. (Pictures from athletic activities will be added in a short while.)

If you have pictures of school-related activities that you would like to share with us, please send them to Mrs. Eversole at ceversole@annunciationbym.org

Directions for viewing school photos:

Go to AnnunciationBVM.org website
Click on the <u>Classrooms</u> drop down
At the bottom of the list, click on <u>ABVM Photos</u>
Choose the events you want to look at
You may download any pictures that you want to keep
Enjoy!

Hope to see you soon! Mrs. Eversole

