



Dear Parents,

March 18, 2020

I want to begin by thanking you for your prayers and support during this time of COVID-19. So many changes have been happening so very quickly! I think the parents of St. James are handling it beautifully.

Today I spoke with all our children about the closure of school for the next two weeks and possibly through the end of the school year. I encouraged them to trust in God and noted that He was counting on them to help make their families and homes a happy place to be.

St. James School will have a meeting for parents tonight, Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm. We will present information about continuing the children's education during the school closure. The teachers went over this information with the children today.

You may attend the meeting this evening through Facebook Live (please see the school website) or you may come to the school itself. We will have only ten adults in a classroom to comply with social distancing. We will answer your questions as best as we can. Please be sure to attend.

There are many thoughts on why God is allowing the COVID-10 to sweep across our country and world. Perhaps it is to teach us to rely on Him rather than ourselves. Whatever the reason, it can be a time of grace for you and your family. I would encourage you to let your children see you looking on the bright side of the situation. Plan some fun family activities for them, such as a Tuesday evening pillow fight or making a fort out of cardboard boxes or a card game afternoon. Let them see you positive and happy about the new opportunities this situation is offering and they will be happy and positive too.

I look forward to being with you this evening and sharing more ideas and hope for the future. I will be sure to stay in contact through email and School Messenger during the weeks to come.

In the Heart of Christ the King,

Sister Mary Alma, C.K.

Tuition: If you have not yet paid your full tuition for this school year, we are still in need of your payments. Please pay if you can. We realize that with jobs closing this might be difficult for some. Mrs. Hier will be present at school from 7:30 am – 3:30 pm Monday through Friday to accept tuition payments.

Calendar Lottery and Scrip: This is our school's most important fundraiser for the year. Let us not allow the COVID-19 take it away from us. Please sell those tickets! Tickets may be turned in to the school office between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm. Mrs. Hier will also continue to sell Scrip in the school office. Purchasing Scrip is an ongoing way (which costs you nothing extra) to help St James.

Good Shepherd Scholarships: Tuition and fees for next year is \$1,975.00 per student. If you are able to pay this, please do and we thank you. It is still less than half of the cost of education per St. James student. We count on your integrity in this matter.

If you are not able to pay, please sign up at once for the Good Shepherd Scholarship award. If you qualify, your tuition and fees will be reduced to \$450.00 per student. Go to the front page of the St. James website and look for the Good Shepherd scholarship. Parents who do not qualify for Good Shepherd, but apply, will receive a Sacred Heart Scholarship award which will lessen the total amount of tuition and fees according to financial need. The deadline for Good Shepherd Scholarship/Sacred Heart Scholarship applications is March 31. Please don't delay.