



April 7, 2020

Dear Parents,

“God is Good All the Time, All the Time God is Good”

As we enter Holy Week, I am reminded of how much I miss hearing Fr. Phong and the students recite this prayer at our weekly Masses, and I also realize how important this short prayer is when I find myself reciting it several times a day.

Week #4 of Distance Learning is upon us and as we all settle into this new routine, I want to express my appreciation to our school families for your incredible support. I know that parents are juggling several responsibilities; some of you are still working outside the home, while many of you are working from home, and in both cases, assisting your children with their schoolwork and the routines of distance learning. I understand the challenges the Shelter-in-Place situation poses for all, and I am grateful to our school community for working together to keep the children progressing through the remainder of the academic school year. I also recognize that each new day brings up new questions for our students and families. My goal with this update is to address many of the questions I've been asked to the best of my knowledge, given the information I have as of today.

#### Campus Closure

The Superintendent released information this afternoon to all families extending the Distance Learning program through the end of the school year. I understand the challenges this decision presents, and I encourage families who may be in need of additional support to reach out to myself or [Mrs. Crowley](#). Please see more about this below in the Tuition section.

During this time, the school campus, and its fields are closed per the Santa Clara County's Health Department. Signage from the Santa Clara County of Health has been posted on the school gates and only essential staff are allowed on campus to ensure the upkeep of the facilities. As a result, we are unable to open the campus at this time for any additional pick-up of materials or supplies.

#### Service Hours

Our community thrives on service hours and we are grateful to all the hours both our students and parents have engaged and logged prior to our transition to distance learning the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>. We are using the Trimester 2 hours for our students, so please don't worry about your students completing their service hours.

Parents, the balance of any unmet volunteer hours will be absorbed this year and not billed to families. I know you are fulfilling the balance and more with your support of your child's education at home! If you have hours you haven't yet logged in, I ask that you take a moment to update SchoolSpeak with your hours. This information is always helpful as we plan out future events and volunteer needs.

#### Spring Pictures, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pictures and Yearbook

The Shelter-in-Place has affected our local vendor for spring pictures and 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation pictures. At this time everything is on hold, and I hope to have more information in late April/early May.

The staff is continuing to work on the yearbook and plans are in place to have yearbooks for our students available by the end of the school year. More information will be forthcoming on the distribution of the yearbooks as we obtain additional information on the Shelter-in-Place constraints over the course of the next two months.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation and Activities

Ms. Anderson is working closely with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to determine creative ways to celebrate the class. I am committed to working with Ms. Anderson and the class to recognize and honor their graduation milestone! As we

continue to monitor the situation, we are working on dates and activities for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to hopefully take place during the summer.

#### First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation

We have received word from the Diocese of San Jose that the celebration of these sacraments have been cancelled. Once we hear word on new dates, we will share them with our school community.

#### Starry Knights Auction

The auction, our largest fundraiser of the year, and scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>, has been cancelled. We are extremely grateful to all the work the Auction Committee, under the guidance of Roxanne Kelley, has put into this event. This is a disappointment for the committee as well as for the rest of us who look forward to this fun evening each year! We appreciate the underwriting support, the donation of items, and ticket purchases from our families. When we gather next as a community, we plan on having many of the donated items available for purchase/bidding.

The auction also highlights our Fund-a-Need program to support our fine arts program for music and art. I was in the midst of hiring a music teacher for the remainder of this school year when the Shelter-in-Place was declared, and am looking forward to introducing the music teacher to our school community once we reconvene on campus.

If families wish to support the school's Fund-A-Need program with a tax-deductible donation, donations can be made through the school's Rally-Up site at <https://rescatholicschool.rallyup.com/resurrectionfund>

#### Tuition

On March 12<sup>th</sup> when I took a call from the Diocese and was informed that the school would be transitioning to Distance Learning effective immediately, I never anticipated this journey to unfold into the situation we as a country are now responding to. I am extremely proud of the staff and their efforts to create a Distance Learning Plan that brings the Resurrection classroom to the virtual world. This virtual learning platform continues to evolve, and I am amazed at the tools our teachers are discovering to assist them in expanding their virtual classroom.

We understand these are difficult times, and we are committed to continue educating and supporting our students and families whether it be on campus or virtually. The school is dedicated to meeting the financial needs of our families to the best of our ability, ensuring your child's Catholic education remains accessible. I encourage families who may need additional assistance to reach out to myself or to [Mrs. Crowley](#) with any questions.

I am also amazed, not surprisingly, at the depth of generosity from our school community. I have received inquiries from families asking how they can help our families most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and who may be struggling through these challenging times. If you would like to make a direct tuition contribution to support our families, please visit our RallyUp site at: <https://rescatholicschool.rallyup.com/resurrectionfund> or contact [Mrs. Crowley](#) directly. All contributions to the Tuition Support Fund and to the School's Fund-A-Need program are fully tax-deductible and applicable towards the Family Fundraising Commitment.

I am blessed to work in this school community and I know when we return to campus, I will be looking forward to hearing on a weekly basis "God is Good All the Time, All The Time God is Good".

With Blessings for a beautiful Easter with your family and loved ones as we keep those who have lost loved ones to the virus and all of the first responders in our thoughts and prayers.

Mrs. Jacque Wright