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Dear SMS Families,

I want to start this letter by saying thank you for being patient during this time of change! We will begin our transition to at-home learning on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will continue until the 14<sup>th</sup> of April, unless instructed otherwise from the diocese or state. This is going to be difficult on both the school and your family. As we make this transition, I want to emphasize the importance of accountability when it comes to the education of your child(ren). This accountability should be placed on everyone involved, including the school. Thank you again for always placing an emphasis on your faith and the education of your student(s).

The school teachers and staff will be meeting on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, via Zoom, to discuss important details about how this new system will be implemented. I am very thankful packets were sent home with the K-8<sup>th</sup> grade children. Please emphasize the importance of this work when speaking with your child(ren). Online learning and future work will be employed as quickly as possible. Teachers are working throughout their break to make sure they are prepared for this transition, and I am extremely proud of them.

I have been told that our standard of education should NOT be “watered down” because of these changes. Student scores will be assessment based, and I would encourage keeping a daily schedule for your students to work on individual subjects. I will leave those scheduling decisions up to you, but I know I function much better when I know what to expect each day.

We will be using online teaching tools such as RenWeb, Google Classrooms, and Zoom. The lower grades will probably rely more on packets of work. These will be put onto RenWeb, delivered, or mailed. Because everyone already has a RenWeb account, we will begin using this as our primary source of information.

Teachers will be calling you at least one time a week to make sure there are no big problems or misunderstandings with student assignments. Please feel free to contact them through the school at any time. They will get back to you as soon as they possibly can.

I will make sure to be at the school from 11:00 – 1:00 for pickups and general information. If another time is needed, do not be afraid to ask me. I will try to work around your schedule. If someone is not at the school, please leave a message at the church office and Vanessa will contact me with information.

Thank you for making education a top priority in your household. This is what sets our school apart from others!

With much respect,

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