



April 6, 2020

Dear Parents and Families:

We hope you all are continuing to be well given the circumstances. Mr. Bianco, the teachers, the staff and I miss our students dearly and are thinking of them and parents as well.

Yesterday was Palm Sunday and marked the first day of Holy Week. Let us reflect on what Pope Francis communicated in a video message:

*"Despite the isolation imposed by social distancing measures, 'Thought and spirit can go far with the creativity of love'. Holy week sums up the message of the Gospel: God's boundless Love".*

Today, Phase 2 of Distance Learning begins. The Parent Guidelines for Distance Learning from our school board on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each classroom teacher has set up a Google Classroom/Meet or a D2L site and has communicated the login and password information to you/your child. Teachers will be sharing their classroom schedules as well. Please refer to the Parent Guideline document for access information. Phase 2 is mandatory and every student is expected to access their classroom's platform daily for the amount of time directed by the Ministry of Education.

Assessment will also take place and as of now it is formative in nature. Further direction and guidelines are forthcoming to school boards regarding assessment, evaluation and report cards. With regards to technology for those families who require it, information will be shared by the Director, Ab Falconi and/or myself in the next few days.

We appreciate everyone's support, understanding and patience as we embark on this new learning curve to ensure everyone's health and safety as we all do our part to 'flatten the curve' and/or as Dr. Tam always says 'plank the curve' of the Coronavirus.

Please feel free to communicate with me through email for any assistance and support needed in the Distance Learning phase.

Yours in Catholic Education,

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