

## St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

First of all, blessings upon your household as we enter the 7<sup>th</sup> week of being apart as a school community. The days and hours continue in a way that leaves all of us feeling uncertain, and isolated. The outreach of our faculty to our students is an incredible help in this uncomfortable time. Yet, as more and more people confess, online 'living' can never replace our need for community, and the goodness that comes with being in each other's presence.

We are working on the way we will report student learning at the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester end. We have not been in the standard mode of offering classes since Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. We will keep you informed. In the meantime, stay connected with your child's school work and the teaching offered from your child's teacher.

In May, our art, music, and P.E. programs will also reach out to our students with opportunities for activity at home in these subjects.

Soon, we will arrive at what our communication system will be for the coming school year. Sycamore Education, the system we tried last year, has continued to be very unsatisfactory. We will let you know, and offer support to learn the new system as soon as we conclude what program we will utilize.

We will also be offering direction for enrolling your children for the coming 2020-2021 school year.

**ANNUAL PARISH ART CONTEST**: We will be providing your child with the special paper for the coming Art contest which is a part of the parish picnic. <u>NEXT WEEK, MAY 4-8, please pick up your child's special drawing paper on Monday OR Thursday between 10AM and 12 Noon, the regular pick up time for items from school. We will also give you a copy of the academic magazines which have continued to arrive for your child's learning.</u>

The Art contest theme will be presented by your child's teacher through the way you have been receiving other information about class work and class processes. **Prizes** for the art contest will be: \$30 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$20 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$10 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each of the four categories of Kindergarten, Primary, Intermediate, and Middle School grades. The picnic dates have not yet been published due to CoVID 19 restrictions. We will let you know when art should be returned to school in the coming weeks.

As we enter the last month of school it is very important that your child is involved with the instruction teachers have offered through the various virtual learning platforms teachers have used. Thank you to those who have requested physical learning packets. We continue to have packets available in the school main hallway for pick up on Mondays and Thursdays between 10AM and 12 Noon.

Peace and all Good,

Jeffrey Johnson