



April 21, 2020

Dear St. Edward Parents,

Happy Easter Season! It was a glorious week of sunshine during our vacation, and I hope you and kids had some time to get outside and soak up the rays. Evening walks have been a wonderful spirit lifter for me.

As it stands today, we are teaching remotely through June 12<sup>th</sup>. If the Governor allows any leeway on social distancing for work and schools, we are ready to jump on that! We are still planning to host Summer School unless mandated otherwise by the Governor. We should know more information in his upcoming announcements in relation to the current May 4<sup>th</sup> *Stay at Home* proclamation.

We begin Week 5 of remote learning. At our last ZOOM staff meeting, the teachers discussed their typical spring trimester curriculum units and how they will implement those learning targets remotely. They are also hosting ZOOM meetings with the students. I highly recommend the kids get logged into those ZOOM meetings regularly. These meetings are an excellent and highly efficient way for your students to ask clarifying questions and show participation. Besides offering instructional guidance, these meetings give emotional and social support for the kids as they interact with their classmates. I am so proud to say that unlike the public schools, our teachers and students, who are fully engaged, have NOT MISSED A DAY of instruction. It looks different right now, but learning is still happening at St. Edward School!

Our lobby hours continue Monday-Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for pick-up or drop-off of instructional supplies. If you are in need of something specific, please email your teacher directly and she will get it ready for you. You are welcome to drop off any forms, payments or such for the main office, too, or send them directly through the US mail. If you need anything from our business office, please email Tina at [tnguyen@saintedwardseattle.org](mailto:tnguyen@saintedwardseattle.org) or Teresita at [ttonel@saintedwardseattle.org](mailto:ttonel@saintedwardseattle.org)

**Father Scott and I talked last Wednesday night over ZOOM to discuss school finances.** Here is the summary of our discussion.

**FINANCES:** In terms of the 19-20 school budget, Father Scott stated, “*We are committed to paying our staff for their work this year as defined by their covenants and promised by us.*” They are contracted for 188 days of work though we divide their pay over 12 months. They have not missed a day of work. Tuition income is the main source of revenue for those salaries AND our other school expenses. It is imperative that each family hold up to their commitments, too.

Tuition: June 20, 2020 is our last tuition draw for all our families through FACTS. All outstanding tuition must be paid by cash or credit card payment by June 20, 2020.

\$600 Fundraising commitment still stands: Lucky for us, we already held our two of our three major fundraisers: the *Jogathon* and *Raffle Tickets*. K-8 families who made

donations to the April auction **were required to turn in a Procurement form to get credit for those.** We will still give you credit for that donation if we have your form. The business office will determine your balance.

Service Hours: Because of the quarantine, we are adjusting K-8 families' mandatory service to 30 hours for the year instead of 40 (15 instead of 20 for single parents). You will be billed for the hours not served.

***The business office will be sending Invoices for unpaid balances for your Fundraising and Service Hours Commitment in early May. Those payments are due by May 31, 2020 with cash or credit card payments.***

***All Tuition, Fundraising and Service Hours commitments must be PAID IN FULL before student transcripts will be released to your child's new school.***

**Fr. Scott is live streaming an All School Mass from St. George church at 9:30 a.m. for all the students from St. George, St. Edward and St. Paul.** All of our teachers will be joining Mass and we encourage each and every family to join us as we pray together as one family. The link to Mass can be found at <https://www.stedwardparish.net/>, <https://www.stpaulparish.com/> or <https://www.stgeorgeparish.com/>.

It is such a difficult time being quarantined. I am very limited in communication with my dad in his nursing home, and he is fading away, my mom is home alone, we lost a close family friend and can't come together to mourn with the family, and I am apart from you. I continually hold you all in my prayers as I know each of you has your own crosses to bear. In this Easter season, I keep my faith in the resurrection and know that in time, we will rise up and overcome this adversity. Until then, I pray for you and send my love.

Most sincerely,

Monica Wingard, Principal