



May 18, 2020

Dear St. Edward Families,

On Friday's All School remote Mass, Father Armando brought the Gospel message to today's world. **"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."** John 15:13-17

During the pandemic, we are saluting the heroes, the **FIRST RESPONDERS**, who are sacrificing themselves for others. Father Armando pointed out, that Jesus was the first, **FIRST RESPONDER!** During his time on earth, he taught us that we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves and that **WE ARE CALLED to RESPOND** to those in need. Jesus showed us out how to respond to others; how to share love, compassion and mercy. Fr. Armando challenged the students to look for ways they can be a **FIRST RESPONDER** to those around them just like Jesus taught.

We are on a 4 week countdown to the end of the school year. Memorial Day, Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> is a federal holiday and school will be closed, so no remote learning will take place. **We are so proud of how many of our students AND PARENTS are partnering with us during this stressful situation.** **TEAMWORK makes the DREAMWORK.**

End of year financial statements are coming out soon. Due to the social distancing regulations, final payments can be made with check or money order. Please contact our main office with questions. **No report cards or transcripts will be sent until all obligations are met.**

Below are few closure protocols and final end of year business.

**All new instruction of the Washington State Learning Standards ends June 5th.** Teachers will be presenting review lessons and closure activities June 8-10<sup>th</sup>.

**ALL MISSING ASSIGNMENTS from March 16<sup>th</sup> until June 5<sup>th</sup> must be submitted by midnight, Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> to be considered for assessment and credit. I encourage all parents to LOG INTO SCHOOLSPEAK THIS WEEKEND with their students and discuss what you see.**

**As we work to be flexible for all family situations, the assessment of submitted work is a hairy beast for teachers since every student is posting/submitting each assignment at different times throughout the weeks. It is so much more complicated than getting a stack of 26 collected papers and assessing in one session. **Please contact your child's teacher****

**NOW should you have questions or concerns.** Report cards will be mailed out to you on June 26<sup>th</sup> as long as all instructional resource collection and financial obligations are complete.

**For our dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade!** We are planning a LIVE graduation ceremony when the social distancing guidelines allow more than 50 people to gather in our church. We are awaiting further guidance from the governor and will let you know once a date is squared away. We are so excited to celebrate these wonderful young men and women!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: TEXTBOOK Collection Days: June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Staff members will be at the **main entrance** from **8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** to collect all textbooks, CYO uniforms, instructional supplies, musical instruments, chrome books/cords and other materials. **For efficiency and inventory sake, we ask EACH CHILD to put all his/her supplies in a paper grocery bag with his or her name written across the bag.** We ask only one masked parent come during this time in order to respect social distancing protocols. It will be a quick curb side drop off! Each teachers will inform you of what needs to be returned.

It is unfortunate with COVID-19 that we cannot plan a school closure ceremony at this time. It is definitely on the mind of Fr. Scott, the staff, the alumni and our families. Once organization can begin, we will get the word out!

In the meantime, we have four solid weeks of learning ahead! ZOOM meetings are happening daily in the virtual classrooms, and the staff is available by email daily.

Most sincerely, Monica Wingard