



May 4, 2020

Dear St. Edward Families,

With the most recent update of COVID-19 mandates and the Reopening 4 Phase of Approach, it is clear that will continue to teach remotely through **the end of the school year**. In addition, we won't be able to operate St. George Summer School due to the gathering numbers restrictions. We will contact all families, directly, who have sent in paperwork to inform them of our cancellation. As dates and directions continued to be unveiled, we will keep you informed about how this affects our services to you. In the meantime, we continue to forge ahead in all the services currently in place. We also are planning an 8th a grade graduation ceremony for later when more than 50 of us can gather for an event which will take place in late July, I am hoping!

The Office of Catholic Schools and its principals are working in direct consultation with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and Washington State health authorities to ensure decision making is based upon best practices and in consideration of the needs of our 72 school communities as we forward plan in this pandemic.

Tuesday May 5th is National Teacher Appreciation Day! I want to give a shout out to our wonderful staff for how quickly and flexibly they have adapted to remote learning. It is has been a huge learning curve for all of us, and I am proud of all the ways they are trying to connect with you and your children through ZOOM, emails, FaceTime, various other digital tools and phone calls.

I also say KUDOS to you parents as you are the first teacher for your kids! We are so GRATEFUL for all the ways you are helping your kids and reaching out to us for support. As Mr. Watson says; TEAMWORK makes the DREAM WORK!

I know that there are many who are struggling now with finances, anxiety, care for seniors and potential homelessness. Catholic Community Services (CCS) offers a wide variety of programs to support families at <https://ccsww.org/> especially during COVID-19. If your family can spare a few, dollars to support CCS and their programs, there is a donation link on the page, too. If we each do one thing to help someone else today, we will help spread joy in a dark time.

Our front lobby continues to be open Monday-Friday from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. for drop off and pick-ups.

Wishing you peace and good health,

Monica Wingard