Memo to: Parents and Guardians Memo from: Sr. Margaret Mancuso May 12, 2020



Be Still and Know that I Am God - Psalm 46

This is just a short memo for the May newsletter that went out last week was full of interesting and important information.

May Newsletter – If you have not yet read it, I encourage you to do so this week. You will find it on our web page under the top tab *Parents* if you missed it last week.

- The *pieces written by teachers* give a glimpse of all of the teaching and learning that has been going on the last eight weeks with your children. I hope you are as proud of the good work happening in our virtual classrooms as I am! Teachers and students are doing a wonderful job! Thank you again for your tremendous support in keeping your child/ren on a school routine, as best fits your schedule, and assisting where needed with the technology and assignments. All of us working together as a school community has helped to make the transition as meaningful and successful as possible for the children.
- Registration Get those papers in if you want to be considered for financial aid. Do not worry about the registration fee at this time. We need to know enrollment to figure out staffing, order textbooks from your districts, and determine Title funding allocations.
- Yearbook Now is the time to order a yearbook for the '19-'20 school year. You will want a keepsake from this unique year.

Thoughts and Reminders:

- We have completed eight weeks of distance learning and have just seven to go. Who would have imagined on March 14 that we would not complete the year together in our warm and caring school environment. However, in this new reality, teaching and learning have continued with love, creativity, and hard work and will do so until the end. *Stay positive!*
- We would not be honest if we said this has been easy. It has been stressful and challenging for everyone involved. Yet our faith, our trust in one another, and our love for the children have brought us to today and will carry us into the future.
- We expect our students to check in every day with their teachers, to work on their assignments to the best of their abilities, to send completed work back to their teachers, and to keep growing in all ways. Nazareth's standards remain high!

Resources and Support – There are many resources available on our website to help parents and families. Here is a spiritual resource for you. Family and friends are welcomed to join the Sisters of St. Joseph **every Thursday at 4 p.m.** on our SSJ Facebook page for "live" prayer time. There is also a link if you cannot make the 4 p.m. time. Here is the link to the May 7 prayer; it includes the links to the songs used, many of which have beautiful visuals: https://www.facebook.com/SistersofSaintJosephofRochester/videos/2671092623126872/?t=326