Memo to: Parents and Guardians Memo from: Sr. Margaret Mancuso May 26, 2020



As we enter the last stretch of the school year, I hope this finds all of you staying healthy and doing well. We continue to see blessings in each day as we journey together through these new ways of living and working. We are making history. One day your grandchildren will read about this pandemic, and you will be able to share stories with them of heartache, fear, survival, kindness, strength, and heroes.

Instruction and Learning – There are about four weeks of school until the last quarter ends. *Now is the time for students to keep giving their best efforts to meet with their teachers and complete their assignments.* It is not the time to slow down. Summer will come soon enough.

With the nicer weather, it will be harder for students to stay motivated and focused on their lessons. We know what it is like when we are in school and the weather calls the children to the playground! If you can maintain a daily routine of work and then play, that will help. Don't forget the daily check-in for attendance, too. There will be a final report card. Teachers and I have been working on a format that will address these months of distance learning.

Prayer Services – Last Wednesday, several of our sixth graders held a virtual May Crowning in honor of Mary. If you have not seen it, check it out on our website or Facebook page. On Thursday, many of our second graders led a service for Ascension Thursday. Look for this service on our sites, too. Maybe part of religion lessons this week could be to watch these two services as a family and then discuss them.

Calendar Change – Looking at distance learning and the normal end-of-year activities at school, we have to adapt once again. **Friday, June 19, will be the last day of classes for the children.** Teachers will be working the entire week of June 22 and probably beyond that, too.

Core Committee for Reopening Nazareth – The CDC has issued guidelines and directives for every school administration on the safe reopening of schools. We have formed a core committee to oversee this huge work. There will be many subcommittees working on various tasks over the next month and through the summer so that we are prepared to open in September. The safety of students and staff is our #1 goal. I can assure you that we cannot wait to be teaching the children in school again and will follow all safety guidelines in order to make that happen.

Reminders & Questions:

- ✓ Do we have your re-registration and financial aid papers yet? Please get them in!
- ✓ You can contact Cathy Cerame at any time with financial questions or concerns.
- ✓ Have you shared the marketing video on our Facebook page with others yet and asked them to pass it to friends and family? We need your help now to grow our school. *Remember:* bring in a family and you get a \$300 discount for each family you recruit. Help us and help yourself!

May your week be abundantly blessed! Be at peace knowing we each have a purpose in this unique time and place in history. Miss you and pray for you and your family every day!

