



# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

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I want to thank everyone for their patience at this time of uncertainty; I am sure that you are juggling many situations at once: eg: children in different schools, elderly parents and loved ones who may be otherwise vulnerable, your own career or daily work situation; our daily challenges become magnified in a situation such as this one; remember that we will persevere and get through this together.

Know that all of the teachers have stepped up to accept the challenge of assuring that our SJS children continue to learn with as little disruption as possible. While we acknowledge that the current situation presents many potential difficulties, let's remain optimistic that we are available to troubleshoot, and after all, we are a community of life-long learners, always prepared and flexible!

I have outlined the timeline of events in past emails; a brief reiteration follows: as the Archdiocese monitored the situation and offered intense support and guidance, the virus situation changed day to day, and sometimes, hour to hour. We at SJS had planned to utilize our already planned half-day on March 17, 2020, to finalize our Distance Learning Plans, with the idea that we might close the following week. Fortunately, we had been discussing strategies for Distance Learning at our two previous Faculty Meetings, and every teacher assured me that plans and preparations were a do-able priority. When I received the email from the Archdiocese yesterday that we were to close after business today, we went into "overdrive".

True to form, our caring professionals diligently moved forward to be sure that we were "all systems go". The fabulous news is that our SJS teachers and students have been using on-line platforms in many different capacities and are quite used to the routines; therefore, we did not have to make major shifts or introduce brand new platforms to our students. Based on experience with our school's resources, each teacher's knowledge and planning capabilities, combined with multiple sources of information from the Archdiocese, I trust that each of them are presenting wonderful Distance Learning Plans for the upcoming week; they designed plans best suited to continue their classroom routines which have been in place since September. Teachers will spell out the specifics of their plans and they will be available for assistance; I will be available as well. Please let us know how you are doing and how we can help!

At this time, let us pray for the stability, health and continued learning of our entire school community. Again, know that we are doing our very best to keep our SJS children safe and continuing to learn, as I am sure each of you is doing!

God bless you and yours!

Respectfully,

**Mary Ellen Sanchez**

Principal, Saint Joseph School

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