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I draw inspiration from those who have deep faith in Padre Pio: "Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry".

By now, I'm sure you have received the news, via our IRIS Alert that SJS, like all Catholic Schools in the NY Archdiocese, will be closed until April 20, 2020. In a moment of shock, I thought, "Yes, I already knew that", thinking it was MARCH 20.

Then it hit me..APRIL 20! I am somewhat reeling from this disorienting and disappointing news, as I'm sure all of you are.

Okay, let's talk about coping...Gratitude can help...

Firstly, we are blessed to have the resources of food, shelter and clothing.

Secondly, so far, we do not have any positive diagnosis amongst our SJS family.

Thirdly, for the most part, we are equipped to deal with the continuation of teaching and learning...and I'm not underestimating the very difficult position it puts parents in as you juggle all that you all are now expected to do, in addition to all you were doing before this situation occurred.

Know, that we are committed to do our very best to alleviate any academic "hardship" this circumstance presents. I am sure that I will be getting updates about major issues, such as NYS Testing, etc..

I am going to have a conference call with Dr. Noelle Beale tomorrow at 11:30, and I will be informing you of what I learn as soon as I can summarize and generate the email.

Please feel free to reach out if there are extenuating circumstances I should be aware of; I am available to you to help in any way that I can.

God bless you and yours!

Respectfully,



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