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Dear Tepeyac Families:

We are writing to you during an unparalleled time in our country and our city. We sincerely hope that you and your family are safe and well. For our staff, there is no higher priority than the health and wellness of our Tepeyac family. As we navigate the quickly changing issue of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, we are heartened to see our families, teachers, staff and community come together—quickly and creatively—to ensure that our students have what they need to continue learning. We wanted to share the wonderful ways our Tepeyac family is Connecting, Inspiring and Supporting each other.

Food Distribution

All Tepeyac families were able to pick up food from our food service provider from 11am-1pm last Thursday and Friday. According to the Archdiocese of Chicago we are able to distribute food this upcoming Wednesday and Friday from 11am-1pm and thereafter will distribute food on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for the duration of this extraordinary time. *Pick up food at the Grade School, 2235 S. Albany-first set of blue doors by the parking lot*.

E-Learning

All teachers have set up Google Classrooms and are using this platform to assign and collect work, at which time credit is being given. Our gym teacher is even sending students workouts they can do alone or with their families! Teachers are in contact with students via email, Google Classroom and Plus Portal. We continue to look for more virtual based learning opportunities to support our students as, in the likelihood, that the school could remain closed beyond the April 8, 2020 return date.

Advisors are reaching out to their advisees in order to see if they need anything, either academically or emotionally.

Parents, please check on your daughter's progress and the work she is being given.

Seniors and College Questions

Seniors who have questions about anything college related (acceptances, scholarships, upcoming dates, etc.) are encouraged to reach out to our College Readiness Director, Mrs. Dumas-Gray at <u>adumas@ourladyoftepeyac.org</u>.

<u>3ª Quarter Parent Conferences and Registration for 2020-2021</u>

For obvious reasons, conferences on Thursday, March 19th, were cancelled. At this point, we will be mailing 3rd Quarter Report Cards home and we will be rescheduling Registration for 2020-2021. We will let you know once we get them in the mail.

Spring Break

Our Spring break was scheduled for April 10-April 17 before this outbreak; subsequently we decided to only take Good Friday, April 10th and Easter Monday, April 13, off and be in school the remainder of that week, Tuesday, April 14-Friday, April 17. Given the current circumstances, we will use part of the closure as Spring Break...April 2-3 & April 6-7. During those 4 days, students will not be assigned work and should use that time to rest, reset and to get ready to return to school to finish off the school year. We will still take Good Friday and Easter Monday off. Please be on the lookout for School Messenger alerts if this changes.

Junior Ring Mass/Junior Prom/Senior Prom Update

We are investigating future dates for Junior Ring Mass, Junior Prom, and Senior Prom. As soon as we have an update, we will let you know.

ACT, SAT and AP Testing

As of right now, the ACT, SAT and AP testing have been postponed. As soon as we get some guidance about when they will take place, we will alert our families.

Virtual Faculty Meetings

We are using ZOOM in order to have virtual faculty meetings so we can better serve our students and give each other the support needed during this difficult time.

Contact Us

Should you need to speak to someone from the school, please feel free to call/text either Rosa Navarrete at 773-225-0111, or Isabel Del Real at 773-610-5603 between the hours of 11am-3pm.

Our needs in the coming weeks and months are uncertain, but we know that we can get through this time together and with the loving support of God and our patroness, Our Lady of Guadalupe. You are all in our continued prayers and we hope that we are in yours.

Please continue to look to School Messenger, your emails, the OLT website (<u>www.ourladyoftepeyac.org</u>) and the Our Lady of Tepeyac High School Facebook page for updates.

Be Blessed in this Difficult Time,

Mrs. Joni Thompson President Ms. Kathleen Ingram Principal Ms. Maria Ochoa Assistant Principal