



WEEKLY INFORMATION & EVENTS

April 5, 2020

Dear SMPS, SFXP, and JP II Families,

Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of a most unusual Holy Week. Hallways are empty. Students, staff, and families wait at home, absent the buzz of school and community life. We don't know when 'normal' returns, or what that will be. God calls us to himself always, and He is with us in these strange days. Soon, the joy of resurrection will resound.

Our remote school life continues, and I am proud of and grateful for the efforts of students, families, and staff members in keeping academic life moving forward. The procedures that have been established will serve us well now and in the future, should this closure period be extended.

Beyond academic life, we are re-establishing remotely other aspects of school life as well. For example:

- Starting Wednesday, April 8, you are invited to a Parent-to-Parent Social at 7 PM. SMPS, SFXP, and JP II parents will host Zoom meetings (simultaneously for each division) where you can renew acquaintances, vent a little, share what works, and be a community. To participate, you will need a Zoom account (free works fine), and you will receive the invitation link by email this week.
- On Holy Thursday at 10 AM, all students will pray the "Stations of the Cross" together. SMPS students and SFXP students will receive a link, and JP II students will be invited via Zoom. Parents too can view and pray. Please join us!
- All students, families, and friends, Grades PK-12, are invited to Holy Mass on Easter Tuesday at 10 AM. Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick, Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, will celebrate Mass for our students and school community. Mass will be live-streamed, and you will receive the link in advance.

The "OddBall 2020 Gala Auction," previously postponed to June 5, will now take place in an online-only format. Gratefully, event sponsors are honoring their commitment as we change format -- thank you! You will receive updates and bidding information after Easter. Thank you for your continued generosity and support; after all, we did say 'expect the unexpected!'

Given the economic uncertainty many now experience, I urge you to apply for financial aid for the 2020-2021 school year and allow us to assist you as

generously as we can. FACE (Foundation to Advance Catholic Education) has extended its deadline for K-8 applications, and the SFXP and JPII Endowments provide aid, also.

Finally, know of my sincere appreciation for you and our amazing school community. Through faith, we know that "all will be well." I hope that you are, too.

Best regards,

Chris Keavy

Mrs.
Hutchison's
Letter

Mrs.
Kelley's
Letter

Ms. Valentino's
Letter

ALL SCHOOL INFORMATION

Lunch Orders

Credits have been applied to lunch accounts for families who had pre-paid orders for March. If you have any questions about your lunch account please contact:
SMPS: Mrs. Fish at lfish@smrs.dfrcs.org
SFXP/JPII: Ms. McGuire at amcguire@jp.dfrcs.org

Enrollment Contracts

Enrollment contracts for the 2020-2021 school year have been mailed. Please return the signed contract at your earliest convenience. *For returning students, it is not necessary to send in a \$175 registration fee.* The registration fee will be applied to your tuition account in June and paid as part of the tuition payment plan.

During this period of certainty, families' financial lives may be impacted. If you have any questions about your enrollment contract or tuition account, please email Margaret Keras, Business Manager, at mkeras@jp.dfrcs.org.

Financial Assistance for the 2020-2021 School Year

All families wishing to be considered for school-based financial aid for the 2020-2021 school year must complete an application online with FACTS Management Grant & Aid. Applications are completed online at:

SMPS: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3GHKD>

SFXP/JPII: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

For new applicants, please take a few moments to [view this informative video](#) on the application process.

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