



SAINT DOMINIC ACADEMY

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Dear Families,

At a time where financial considerations reach epic levels and one wonders, what it will all mean? I wanted to bring you up to date with the situation of the school.

Currently, we have been at a remote learning status for 7 days or 4% of our school year. We are going to be at this status until at least April 27 (30 days) or 17% of the year. During this time, we are furiously learning how to teach and learn remotely.

Educating remotely differs from the classroom in many ways, some good and some more challenging. One thing that is lost is the common schedule, the uniformity, the rapid response to questions; what is gained is the ability to manage your own time and learning. The ability to move at one's own pace grows and the need to be more organized likewise increases.

The costs of education continue more or less unabated. The teacher contracts, the need to still maintain facilities, as we fully expect to use them again, continue. Our staff is working as hard as ever, but it still is a work in progress, so your feedback remains essential. Please reach out to the teachers and your respective Principals with questions or comments.

If you find yourself in the midst of economic difficulties at this time, please remember you are not alone! We stand ready to help and will do so to the best of our ability at a moment's notice.

As has been mentioned repeatedly, we are in the midst of an event that the world has not seen in over 100 years. Where it will end NO ONE KNOWS and it seems doubtful anyone will know much before the whole world. So please take the time to pray and ask God for help in this tumultuous time. He who calmed the seas can calm this situation.

It struck me many years ago that God in His wisdom gave us what we could never achieve; forgiveness, salvation, the Eucharist, the sacraments, and He left the rest to us. If starvation exists, if poverty exists, if sickness exists, if injustice exists, we have the ability to eradicate it and replace it with all the good things. Jesus gave us the ability to teach and admonish and together we shall succeed in doing so.

Finally, Seniors, we are working to provide a graduation for you, what shape it will take has yet to be determined. Your yearbook is proceeding apace and will be published. Senior involvement will not be happening this year, that much we can sure of.

May God bless you all and whether we meet in a few weeks or longer may He hold all of you in the Palm of His hand.

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p.s. your feedback, questions, cares, comments or concerns are keenly desired.