



March 28, 2020

Happy Saturday, Bishop Verot families,

I hope this email finds you and your family well and healthy during this unprecedented time. I know many of our families have a parent or parents who work in the healthcare field, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the work you are doing on the front lines of this pandemic. I know many others work in critical areas, and I also thank you for your sacrifices to keep our community running as best it can.

There have been many emails sent out to students and families over the past 2 weeks regarding changes to our school model during the shutdown. I apologize if any of the communication caused confusion. That was certainly never the intent. With that in mind, however, I wanted to reach out today to clarify a few things about our upcoming schedule.

1. Distance Learning and required check-ins officially begin this **Tuesday, March 31st.**
2. The schedule for weekly check-ins includes Monday because, as this continues for multiple weeks, there will be check-ins required on Mondays. There is no check-in this Monday, so students will only check on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this first week.
3. There will be no check-in required on Holy Thursday, which is April 9th.
4. If you have wifi issues, or can't check in during a required time, it is extremely important to communicate that with the teacher. We will be taking attendance, so check-ins are not optional. One recommendation is for students to use their phone hotspot, or check for carrier hotspots if wifi continues to be an issue. We do not want to burden families, so ongoing concerns should be relayed to Mrs. Kaminsky or Mr. Ventiquattro who may be able to offer other suggestions.
5. As of now, the hope is to return to regular classes on **Thursday, April 16th.** Please continue to pray for this, as it would indicate the virus is being contained and we can finish the year strong.
6. As of now, all year-end events for Seniors are still planned for their originally scheduled times. If our time out of school drags on longer than anticipated, those dates might change. I will communicate immediately if that happens.

Please know we are aware there will be a period of adjustment. We will work with students as much as possible. However, if they don't communicate concerns it will be difficult for us to know how they are doing and how we can help.

Finally, Father Casey will stream Mass again this Sunday at 11:00 AM. I will send students a link later today. I hope to "see" many of you at Mass tomorrow morning.

God's blessing to you and your families now and always,
Suzie O'Grady