Dear Parents and Guardians,

Enclosed is your child’s report card for the third quarter with grades your student earned from January 7 to March 13, 2020.

**All of us here at Metro Catholic miss your children, our students!** We know we are in a VERY DIFFERENT time than we were in when this year began, but we are Metro Catholic Strong and, with you, we continue to serve our children and meet their educational needs. **Because we have been asked by our governor to do our moral and civic duty, we will do all we can to stop the spread of COVID-19 while still providing quality Catholic education.** Our teachers are working hard to get your children materials, books, online resources and more to keep student skills strong.

The materials being sent home online or in paper packets WILL BE ASSESSED for a 4th quarter grade, even if we are not in school. **Remember, this is NOT a vacation but an AT-HOME LEARNING TIME. Parents & students are responsible for making sure this work is turned in.**

Here is our plan approved by the Diocese of Cleveland and the Ohio Department of Education to continue student learning at Metro Catholic School:

- We have permission from the state to continue distance learning, and **we can take our Easter Vacation week as we already had on our school calendar.** No student will be given work over Easter Vacation (from April 13-17).
- **Work that went home before we had to close the building is still due by Monday April 6** (online or in a paper packet depending on age of child and whether you have internet at home) like we always planned. **This work will be assessed by the teacher.** Teachers also will be checking how much the child has connected by phone, internet or by the paper work turned in.  **[Please ask the teachers directly if you have any questions or concerns about work assigned. Students in grades 7-8 have strong teacher expectations with Google Classroom assignments as we are preparing students for high school.]**
On Monday April 6, your child’s teacher(s) will have a 2nd work plan ready for their students that will last through Friday May 1. From Monday April 6 to Thursday April 9, you may pick up any paper packets at the Stephen Building Main Campus Library if we heard that you needed them. Many teachers are already using Google Classroom or other internet sources to send work to their students, so you might not have to come to pick up anything. Again, check in with your child’s teacher(s) about that.

The 2nd set of work (sent home on Monday April 6) will be due Monday May 3. All homework done on paper that needs to be dropped off must be taken to the Stephen Building Main Office.

If we need to keep the school building closed to students after May 3 we will contact you with a final set of 4th quarter work for the rest of the school year.

We certainly hope that we are back in school together to celebrate things we look forward to, like Honors Assembly and 8th Grade Graduation. In the meantime, please pray:

Holy Spirit, as families adjust to everyone being home as businesses and schools close, we ask that You guide us in this new reality. Give us grace for each other. Prompt us as parents to speak words of kindness and encouragement to our children. Help our children find creative ways to experience the beauty of all You have created and continue their learning. AMEN.

Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me. In you I seek refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until harm passes by. Psalm 57:1

God bless you and keep you safe this day and ALWAYS,

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If this box is checked, there is still work given out on March 12 for your child that is waiting to be picked up at the Stephen Building. We are only here Monday-Friday from 10-12noon. Call 281-4044 x 220 and leave a message with your name and number if you need us to call you and arrange another time to pick it up.