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Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

*Life can be overwhelming Lord. Most of us work day in and day out, rarely taking the time for a peaceful break. Fill us with Your calming love and help us to enjoy each day as the gift You meant it to be. Amen*

If your child(ren) is/are learning virtually, they need to be signed on and stay on with the camera and audio until the teacher tells them it is break time or lunch. This is considered a school day. Students are not to be in their pajamas, eating, snuggled in a blanket or wearing a hoodie. They are to wear their Holy Cross T-shirt and be in a place that is conducive to learning. The teachers are working very hard to keep the virtual students engaged as they are teaching. Please make sure all work is sent to the teacher. They will be in touch if things are missing.

The children are allowed to bring their cell phones to school for safety reasons. I have told the children they must keep their phones in their schoolbags during the school day. They are not to be taking them out until they are on the bus or in the car. If you need to let your child know of a change, please call the office instead of the cell phone.

Please make sure your child has enough water for the day. As you know, the children are not to use the water fountains because of COVID 19. Also, make sure they have a snack. It is recommended that they do not share anything with other students.

I know you are going to think we have lost it, but we are making another change to the pick-up line. I will attach the map. The Pre-K-K are going to park closest to the school and then the other grades will fill in the other spaces. We are trying to make this as smooth as possible. There is never an easy answer to the car line.

Yesterday we had our first fire drill. The children did a great job getting out of the building and into the school yard. We were out in 2 minutes. I was so proud of them.

The children are usually required to wear their winter uniform beginning October 1, but since there are only 2 days in October this week, the winter uniform will begin on **Monday, October 5th**. The children will have a dress down day on **Friday, October 2, 2020.**

I just ask that their clothing is appropriate for school.

This year, we did not ask for mandatory supplies of wipes, etc. Wipes seem to be available now. If you can donate one canister to your child’s classroom, we would really appreciate it. Most stores are limiting your purchase of wipes to one per customer.

I am working on obtaining additional Chromebooks for our school. I was given extra money to purchase at least 30 more and a new chart for their storage. At this point, Mrs. E is carrying them up and down the steps. I am just waiting for some of the money to come into school so I can purchase what we need.

We have come up with a different plan this year if your child has detention. Because of Covid19, detention would be held in school on Wednesdays at lunch time. You will be notified if your child receives a detention and the reason for the detention.

We will continue to give out an award for the different virtues of the month. Because we cannot gather as a school in the gym, the awards will be done virtually. More information will be coming home.

We have scheduled school pictures for **October 21**. Children are to wear their winter uniform. The classes will be spaced out and all precautions will be taken.

I am attaching several things to this letter. There are several notices from DCIU, the new pick-up arrangement and the October calendar.

I have not received many signed forms that you have read the handbook. Please sign the form and return it to school after you have read the book. I would like to have them in by **Monday, October 5th.**

Have a great week! God bless you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Worrilow