

Dear Parents and Interested Parents,

The 2019-2020 school year has ended much differently than any one of us would have imagined on August 26, 2019 when we walked through the doors to begin our 2019-2020 school year. On Friday, March 13, 2020, we left our brick and mortar school building and on Monday, March 16, we began online learning. We never skipped a beat! I am proud to publicize that our teachers, parents, and students accomplished this challenging feat.

Thank you to the students for accepting the challenge to complete your work and tests in a different learning environment. This took much adjustment on your part. For a period of time each day you ignored the temptations to be outside or play on your video games. You acquiesced and developed a plan of self-discipline in order to meet the requirements to be successful. You did a great job! I am proud of you!

Thank you to the parents for accepting the challenge of helping your children to learn from home. In the midst of your stress between balancing work, assisting your children, and family concerns you were there for your children. When they needed support, you patiently took the time to be with them. They knew they were loved because of how you were with them. You did a great job! I am proud of you!

This could not have occurred without our dedicated teachers. Thank you to the teachers for your endless hours of work, your patience with the students, your guidance and help to have the students be successful, and the efforts you made to tell the students that you cared about them and believed in them. You did a great job! I am proud of you!

Please read below the selection of testimony from our parents for the work this school year.

“We cannot express how thankful we are for the hard work, passion, and dedication of the Holy Name of Jesus Faculty.”

“Thank you for all you do and have done to make the Spring go so smoothly.”

“ . . . an outstanding teacher who went above and beyond to help my child reach his highest potential.”

“I believe our students will have a greater appreciation of our school community. My husband and I couldn’t be more appreciative of our school and all the efforts of the teachers to help us navigate through these uncharted waters.”

“I just wanted to let you know what a wonderful job . . . is doing. Her lessons and assignments are well organized and just the right amount of work. She zooms with small groups of students each week to teach the lesson or focus for the week.”

“Her emails and instructions are very clear and concise. Somehow, she is managing to provide remote lessons while tailoring the lessons to the educational level of each child. This is well beyond our expectations. The teacher is finding ways to connect with the children and monitor their progress, which we are tremendously grateful to have. We could not be more pleased.”

Expect more good things and ever –improved outcomes for the 2020-2021 school year.

As we begin the summer, we are looking forward to August 24, 2020 our first day of classes. Assuming we will be learning in-person in the fall, we are making plans to safeguard the health of the entire school community, to make school a prayerful, joyful, supportive environment that addresses the students’ learning needs. We will emphasize community, positive relationships, and a renewed commitment to a school community of growing in faith and learning every day. We are all eager to be back together again. Throughout the summer, as we plan for our re-opening, we will be following the CDC, State, and Diocesan Guidelines.

Throughout these uncharted waters parents, teachers, and students worked through all their personal stressors of working at home, online learning, financial concerns, anxiety, adjusting to being at home, and the need for flexibility.

May each of you feel God’s presence, strength, courage, and support.

May you have a grace-filled summer!

Blessings,
Sister Rita Smith, SSJ
Principal