



March 19, 2020

Dear Connelly Community,

It seems forever since I have had an opportunity to “speak” with you. During this time of challenge, you remain in my daily Rosary. I wanted to reach out today to provide you with a few updates.

Remote Learning:

We are in Day 2 of remote learning and things are going well. While teachers have had to make a couple of minor adjustments, the overall online learning experience is going well. I had the opportunity to “meet” with our entire faculty and staff (via Zoom) yesterday afternoon and, though exhausted, we all remain dedicated to the academic and spiritual growth of your daughter(s). I want to reiterate that Zoom classes are still school and that students should not be lying down, eating or be in pajamas during class. We all have a responsibility to show-up for one another, to encourage one another to be our best selves, and to expect from one another 110%. Thank you for encouraging your daughter(s) to take seriously the remote learning plan.

School in the Future:

While many have heard that schools in Orange County will not reopen before the summer, the Orange County Department of Education has urged us to not make that determination yet, and to not propagate that uncertainty. Things are changing every day and if we all take seriously our part to help stop the spread of this disease, we could, very well, be back in school before the end of the summer. That being said, I will always keep you updated on decisions that impact our community and our students learning.

Main Office:

Given the directive by the Orange County Department of Health, the Main Office will be closed until Tuesday, 31 March 2020. We are all working remotely and available to you via phone or email. All staff will check phone messages and return phone calls within 24-hours.

Please know that we are all here for you. Please reach out if you need assistance or support. Stay safe, follow recommended guidelines, and I hope to see you all soon (see you for real...not on Zoom!)

In Peace,

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