



WALDRON MERCY ACADEMY

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Email Subject WMA - Calendar, Distance Learning, and Tuition Updates

Dear Parent,

With the governor's announcement on Monday, we wanted to confirm our calendar plans and share some good news and further decisions.

Calendar

This week and the following week will both be four day weeks, with classes Monday to Thursday and with Friday as professional development and planning for our faculty and staff and a day off for students and parents. We are renumbering our "Number Days" as necessary, skipping the planning days. Further calendar decisions will be made as the situation develops.

Mercy In Action

This week we donated 250 surgical masks we had in our nurse's office to CHOP and PENN. One of our families work as ER docs in these hospitals and coordinate the pick-up. Merion Mercy joined us in the effort, matching our quantity. We ask you, if possible, to go to our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages and share the post so others will do the same!

Starting tonight, we are asking each family to join us in prayer at 6:30 in whatever manner you are comfortable. The power of prayer, especially communal prayer, cannot be discounted!

Online Safety

As we enter the world of Zoom and live conferencing, we ask that you keep your child's chromebook or iPad in a safe place at night to avoid any misuse of video during evening hours. Chromebooks and iPads should specifically NOT be kept or used in student bedrooms.

The video option is usually disabled during regular school days and has only been activated for distance learning. Thank you as we aim to keep our students safe at all times.

Nurse Updates

If you or someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, please email cbflowers@waldronmercy.org. Right now we do not need any names, nor do we need to know if anyone is quarantined, but not yet experiencing symptoms.

Preschool, Pre-K and Montessori Updates

By the end of the week, teachers for Preschool, Pre-K, and Montessori 5-year-olds will have reached out to their parents to connect by Zoom. More on our Montessori 3's and 4's later.

Tuition Updates

We are aware that those of you who pay your tuition over a ten month period recently received a notice about the April billing, and its associated auto-debit reminder if that applies to you.

For your information, as a Mercy school with our mission statement and the practice of the Works of Mercy in supporting those who cannot support themselves, we continue to employ our entire staff at this time, including those who cannot currently work, such as our child care teachers, our maintenance staff, and our classroom aides and secretarial staff. Our collective staff is dedicated to creating and supporting an environment that enables every child to learn in safe and healthy ways. Each member of our staff is an integral part of the fabric of WMA. Therefore, during these challenging times, it is our strong desire to support all of our staff financially by continuing to pay them. Keeping the collective good in mind, we are hopeful that you will continue with your financial commitment to WMA as our teachers skilfully reinvent learning at WMA.

We understand that some of our community has been adversely impacted by current circumstances. With this in mind, we have turned off all late fees and we invite any family that needs support to reach out to us so that as a Mercy community, we can support you also.

In Conclusion

During these days of uncertainty, turning to God becomes more critical, so Mr. Soltis is preparing resources on the Mercy in Action tab on WMA's website menu within the Virtual Community link where you may find live streaming masses, rosaries, and kid friendly religious resources. Remember, God is listening, and hears the prayers of all, but especially those of children.

Stay safe and healthy!

In Mercy and Prayer,
Ann Marie