



WALDRON MERCY ACADEMY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

04/19/2020 9:55 AM

Email Subject WMA - Updates on Distance Learning

Dear Parent,

I hope you and your family had a wonderful spring break! It was lovely to see so many of your faces during [Virtual Tigerfest](#) last night.

As I'm sure you heard, Governor Wolf has mandated that school buildings in Pennsylvania remain closed through the end of the school year. As explained in a previous email, our four day weeks will continue through the end of the academic year. We are still, however, in the process of making decisions regarding end of the year activities, especially those involving our amazing eighth grade students, and the process of returning student belongings. Please be assured that we will keep you updated as plans are formed.

Parent Surveys

We need your input to enable us to make the best plans for our students as we continue Distance Learning for the next seven weeks. As the programs in use in grades 3 to 8 differ from grades K-2 which are in-turn different from those used in our youngest grades, we ask that you fill out separate but similar surveys for each age group. We ask you to follow the links below and complete the surveys that apply to you.

[Preschool, Pre-K, Montessori](#)

[Grades K-2](#)

[Grades 3-8](#)

Your input is crucial to making the best plans for our students as we move forward.

2020-2021 Transportation

Meanwhile, we do already have to look ahead to September. Please complete the [Transportation Form](#) on our website to let us know how your children will get to and from Waldron Mercy next year. As a reminder, no school district will transport preschool, pre-k, or Montessori three- and four-year-old students. Additionally, the Philadelphia School District will not transport kindergarten students either.

Mercy In Action

Don't forget to join us in prayer every night at 6:30 in whatever manner you are comfortable! Prayer, particularly the prayer of our littlest, is a powerful resource we have at our fingertips right now. In particular, please continue to keep all the healthcare and other essential workers in your prayers.

Please also keep in your prayers the Sisters of Mercy who are older and confined to their rooms with no outside visitors. You can imagine how lonely it is for them and others like them who are unable to have visitors. We'll be sharing our next outreach program with you shortly.

In Conclusion

Though we are all facing more challenges than usual, we do want to take time to celebrate the hope that the Resurrection of our Lord illustrates for us. As Pope Francis has said, "Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone." You are all an amazing part of our WMA community of faith. Please help us celebrate the joy of this Easter season together by emailing photos representing how you celebrated the joy of this Easter season. They can be from Easter Sunday but also what you see in nature or experience through family activities... it's up to you! Email them to wma@waldronmercy.org and we'll share them at our Virtual Community Gathering.

Stay safe and healthy!

In Mercy and Prayer,
Ann Marie