

Dear Parents,

This Lent has seemed the longest I have experienced in many years. Emergency distance learning at home has been tough for all of us - - students, teachers, and parents. I think we have all earned the respite provided by our scheduled Easter vacation.

In order to give everyone a break the teachers will not be assigning any additional school work to your children for next week. If you'd like to use the time for catching up on previous work or you'd like your child to engage in enrichment activities, that is your choice as the parent.

- Every teacher has posted *optional* enrichment opportunities
- Mr. L has added many more links to museums and virtual science experiences to his science page
- We are adding a new platform called Freckle that a number of the teachers have already introduced. Soon they will be participating in a training in order to utilize the full range of these resources. Freckle includes individualized learning in math, reading, science and social studies and aligns with our STAR Reading and Math assessment program.

The teachers will not be returning email messages during the vacation and there will be no worries for you about Zoom meeting numbers or passwords! New learning packets will be ready for pick-up on April 20th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Scheduled Zoom sessions will also be resumed on April 20th.

I am excited to hear about all of the creative ways our school parents devise for your families to experience the joys of the Easter season. I know you join all of us in the St. Rose School and Parish communities in praying for an end to this pandemic.

Sincerely,
Kathy Ryan