

Dear St. Rose Parents,

Thank you again for rising to the challenge of supporting your child's distance learning. The teachers are reviewing the work packets you dropped off yesterday and the work that has been submitted electronically. They are very impressed with the assignments your children have accomplished, with your help, under such difficult circumstances.

I can't tell you how much we miss your children. We have such a lovely campus, but it's feeling like an empty shell without them here. The best part of the teaching experience – your children – is beyond our reach right now. Here's how we hope to mitigate that:

- I have a committee of teachers working on ideas to create some remote school spirit activities.
- KC and I would like to use the newsletter to publish photos and short descriptions about what your family is doing to keep your spirits up and have fun. Please email your thoughts, ideas, and submissions to us. We are making this up as we go along, so I imagine the concept will continue to evolve. For safety purposes we will not use names with photos.

I want to assure you that we have researched the best practices for children's safety and security while Zooming with their teachers. We are still compiling the parental permissions for Zoom. In addition all teachers will be using these practices:

- Teacher aides or an extra teacher will participate in Zoom sessions. They can be an extra pair of eyes to help with security and online classroom management.
- Students will be entered through the waiting room so they can be identified.
- Zoom meeting numbers are never published.

You can help by reminding your child of the rules their teachers have established for these meetings.

I also want to assure you that St. Rose teachers are continuing to work long hours to research new resources in order to refine our program. Without their students in front of them every day, it is a challenge to gauge the effectiveness of what they are offering. Please don't hesitate to ask them for clarification. They will also work with you on any differentiation your child may need.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Ryan