

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

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March 25, 2020

### PLEASE READ!!!

From observing hotspots with the Coronavirus, our return date to school of April 6<sup>th</sup> looks questionable. When school closed temporarily for this most-unusual situation, we knew that our educational plans needed to be fluid. If this period extended, we would continue to re-visit and revise as required. Planning ahead, in the event of additional time out of school, Middle School teachers “met” on Zoom twice this week. We have revised and implemented updated plans that will ensure student readiness for next year.

Therefore, our model of distance learning will transition to one that continues to reflect our high standards, provides additional structures, and assures student preparedness. Beginning Monday, **Middle School** will adopt a **modified schedule** that you will receive by Friday, through an Alert. Students will “attend” instructional classes online using Zoom four days a week, and Friday will be an alternative learning day- Field Trip Friday- where students will visit museums and various sites under the direction of Amanda Clare Cunningham. She will collaborate with teachers in various disciplines in this exciting effort.

Please note that attendance will be taken each day, and assignments must be completed!

Grades 3 and 4 will also utilize Zoom for class meetings in the morning and introduce it in limited classroom instruction. At this point. Grades PreK, K, 1, and 2 have used Zoom this week, also for meetings or a class. The highlight of my day was joining Gr. 2 and then 4W as they met, and interacting with the students. Unfortunately, I missed 4U. I miss *all the students, the teachers, and the families*- and continue to pray for your safety and health.

This has been an unusual time for all of us- and the **teachers** and **staff**, recognizing the need to step out of their comfort zones- and their willingness to do it-are to be commended. Their work roles have shifted, they are extending themselves, as we ask students to do, and I am impressed! I sincerely thank them.

**Fr. Paul** will once again offer **Mass** on Sunday at 10:30 from the school chapel. Catch it on the parish Facebook page!

I will do **daily prayer** on **Facebook** beginning Monday. This is an example of *me* stepping out of my comfort zone! Thank you to Ms. Downs for your assistance!

With the addition of class meetings and classes online, we realize families might require an additional **device**. If so, you may pick one up in the school on Friday afternoon. Let me know [adailey@spxschool.org](mailto:adailey@spxschool.org) and Mrs. Abercrombie and I will coordinate pick-up. You will receive a specific timeframe- to limit people in the building, and to ensure social distance.

Many thanks to all who have worked so hard the last two weeks to continue the sense of community and spirit that are the heart and soul of SPXS!

Happy early birthday to **Mrs. Shaw**, who celebrates her special day this Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>!