

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

March 17, 2020

Probably the most unusual St. Patrick's Day any of us has ever experienced- home from school and work for intense quality time with family. I truly hope all are doing well, feeling well, and taking care of each other!

Teachers and staff came into school today to organize classrooms for cleaning and disinfecting. The entire school will be done while our students are out of the building. I am very grateful to those who contributed time to help Mr. Correa in this process.

As we navigate this unprecedented period of time, none of us is exactly certain of what is next, or how to plan. Patience will benefit each of us!

Our efforts will focus the next three (hopefully not more!) weeks on our distance learning initiative. Student experience- not just busy work, but meaningful instruction through lessons, online presentations, demos, blogs- will provide authentic learning, substituting for in-class time (i.e. We really don't want to go to school until June 30th!)

From the educators' point of view, as well as yours, this is all new. Teachers will appreciate feedback, and so will I. Email them with questions, concerns, or clarification. They will be checking email twice a day, once in the morning, once late afternoon/evening. You should be hearing from them regularly. Some will communicate daily, others according to the Monday morning protocol we established. Let me know how we are doing- as I said this is all new, flexible, and will require some tweaking. You can help.

Kate Martin, our Guidance Counselor has said she'd be happy to offer phone calls or respond to emails from the students if they need her. She thought it might be fun to offer a guidance class to a group on FaceTime. If you are interested, email her at kmartin@spxschool.org. Kristin Chun, mom to Kaitlin, Henry and Ryan, has said she'd reach out to set up a Facebook page for each class to communicate, to share their experiences and ideas with other families, and for the community to keep connected.

One of our families is currently quarantined- but only as a precaution. If anyone is quarantined because of an exposure, or because of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the family, please let me know. I will share this with school families, protecting your confidentiality. If anyone experiences work-related issues caused by the corona virus, with a subsequent impact on their income, please contact Mrs. Kostecki or me if it will affect your ability to make tuition payments.

Currently there is a hold on any school activities. Re-scheduling of any events will take place whenever we have a handle on the current situation-whenver that may be. Please all stay safe, stay happy, and stay healthy!

A little leprechaun popped up to wish all a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

