

Date: April 24th, 2020

Topic: TFS Update: End of School Year

Dear TFS parents and faculty/staff:

Over the past several weeks, I have conveyed my growing concern for the possibility of us not returning to campus this academic year. As of yesterday, 41 states had announced they were closing their school systems for the year. Today, North Carolina has joined this group and has become one of the final states to close. While this is disappointing, it is not wholly unexpected and we have been proactively planning for just such a contingency. We are very prepared to continue with our current online learning model. Our faculty are still working hard to make sure that your children are ready to advance to the next grade level.

We will continue to carry on much of the community events (spirit week, fine arts show, etc.) virtually as planned. We all know it is important to maintain our community connections as much as possible. We also look forward to finding ways to recognize all that our 8th graders have brought to our school community and to acknowledge their accomplishments. As we plan what our next steps will be with each of these events, we will keep everyone informed.

I know there are likely many questions about how we will proceed through the end of the academic year now that we know we are not able to reconvene on campus. To assist with trying to answer those questions I will be offering two principal forums next week:

Wednesday, April 29th

8:00am

Michael Watson is inviting you to a scheduled Principal's Forum Zoom meeting.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72528959092?pwd=Nlc3dGVybGpuOFJzcmFOOWcyRlhQUT09>

Meeting ID: 725 2895 9092

Password: 9QbMfF

Wednesday, April 29th

6:30pm

Michael Watson is inviting you to a scheduled Principal's Forum Zoom meeting.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73196611329?pwd=UytRRURkVVZDNlhUV3RPUmpENHBIUT09>

Meeting ID: 731 9661 1329

Password: 7TmDXW

These forums will provide an opportunity for me to address any concerns that you may have and help manage expectations moving forward. Although this is not the ending of our school year that we could have predicted or desired, we have come to appreciate more than ever the strength of our TFS community. At the end of the day, we all want the best for our children, which is for them to all thrive spiritually and academically.

Thank you for your continued support of The Franciscan School!

With ever more appreciation,

Michael Watson
Principal at The Franciscan School