

Date: June 5th, 2020

Topic: TFS Update: End of the 2019/20 School Year

Dear TFS parents and faculty/staff:

Good afternoon! I hope, as we close out our 2019/20 school year, this email finds you and your family healthy and well. I wanted to thank you for all you have shouldered the last trimester of the school year; your partnership and support have been inspiring to all the faculty and staff. I also would be remiss in not mentioning again the tremendous strength and expertise of our faculty and staff! They are amazing during normal times, and they were extraordinary in their Distance Learning efforts this trimester. I am proud of our whole community and how we dealt with the pandemic and all its effects; it truly demonstrated that “community” is not just a word here, but a commitment!

I hope you were able to celebrate with us this morning as we held our virtual (so tired of saying that word) Praise Music celebration to end our TFS school year! If not, it will remain available on Facebook and look [here](#) for the link. While I found myself a little misty-eyed without all of our students present, with their voices raised in loud expression of their joy for their school experience and the anticipation of summer, it remains a great way to end the school year! Many thanks to Paul Garcia, Jenn Fiduccia, and Jim Wahl for their musical talents; they are truly a gift to the schools and parish.

We enter the summer happy for the experience of this year, and with high anticipation to a return to normal in August. We remain steadfast in our advocacy for all of our families and the expectations of an excellent, and normal, TFS educational experience, and will remain transparent and proactive in all communications as the summer unwinds ahead of us. Please take a few minutes to view the “End of the Year” [video](#) we have prepared, and I hope your summer is enjoyable, refreshing, and filled with family memories.

Thank you again for your continued patience, prayers and support of The Franciscan School!

With ever more appreciation,

Michael Watson
Principal at The Franciscan