

Topic: Week One

Dear TFS parents and faculty/staff:

We made it through the first week! Thank you for all that you are doing as parents to help facilitate and assist your students in this new way of learning. As many of us are learning to navigate these changes with our own families, we know how hard this is and what a change in lifestyle it has been for everyone. In the coming days and weeks, we will continue to monitor the changes around us and will update the TFS community as soon as we know of any pertinent updates. We have been working hard to keep our COVID-19 news [page](#) updated with resources and information (including morning prayer videos) so that everyone in our community has the tools they need to be informed at home.

As we look ahead to week two, we will continue to provide as much support and guidance as we can for your students. Our teachers will continue to provide the most effective academic progress possible, given these circumstances, for each of their classes. Please keep in mind, our teachers are not providing “busy work” and fully expect the students to be able to move forward in the curriculum. I know each teacher is thoughtfully planning assignments that are engaging, and certainly fun when possible. If you have any questions about the curriculum or how the delivery of that curriculum is being handled, please contact [Mike](#), [Michele](#) or [Colette](#).

In an attempt to keep a sense of community while we are all physically separated, we are going to do our best to provide some “humor”, at least the best Father Jim and I can, to the new daily routine. We are doing morning prayer each morning with the few staff that are voluntarily on campus and able to attend, and love sharing it with all of you through our Facebook page and our website. We felt it was important to continue to pray together as a community, as well as to celebrate the joys of our lives which includes birthdays and any school news. Hopefully, this will bring a bright spot to your day.

Thank you for the continued support of our TFS faculty and staff; it is much appreciated and it sustains us! We will all get through this as best we can and know we are working every day to bring some normalcy, academic progress, and fun into your lives. Thanks for being part of The Franciscan School family!

Sincerely,

Michael Watson
Principal at The Franciscan School