

Date: May 12th, 2020

Dear TFS parents and faculty/staff:

Good evening all! I hope you are well into the “routine” of another week of learning. Please see below for some important news.

Graduation

As a reminder, please leave **Wednesday, May 20th from 9:00 to 11:00am** open. We are going to have a live-streamed Baccalaureate Mass for the school community at that time and a short “commencement ceremony” afterwards to recognize our 8th graders. The teachers will not hold zoom sessions and class schedules will be updated to reflect that change. Additional details to follow soon.

Our 8th graders have had a great year, albeit unusual, and we want to celebrate them and their accomplishments!

Summer Resource Information

Given our current situation, we have chosen to handle our summer packets differently this year. Since the last trimester was delivered online we have decided to make the summer packet a “Summer Resource” to provide a review of more in-depth material. Teachers in each grade will make the summer resource for their current students and we will distribute (virtually) them in June. These resources are provided solely for review. Please see below for some of the key changes in the summer resources:

- Teachers will provide summer resources for their current students, including departing 8th graders.
- These materials WILL NOT be turned in or graded when they return to TFS in August. This is only for review and skills work they should practice to be even more prepared for the new school year. No new skills or new curriculum standards will be presented.
- This will be solely a 1-2 page document that lists the skills or items to be reviewed along with a list of resources. This will not include physical copies of worksheets or review sheets. If we need to provide documents, we will create a Google folder with materials sorted by subject and provide that link in the document.

End of the school year information

- We will set up May 27th as the first day of returning/receiving for our families. On that day ONLY our 8th grade families will return materials to us, including Chrome Books, textbooks, and any assignments; and we will provide materials to them from their lockers, their graduation materials, and any other things.
- We will set up times during the last week of school (June 1-5th) for each K-7th grade to do the same returning/receiving. More information on times and dates to follow.
- We will have a virtual field day on June 4th. This day is intended to celebrate our students, so no other work or activity will be required by students except for possible returning/receiving of materials.
- On the final day of school, June 5th, we will host a Virtual Praise Music session at 9:00AM. No other work or activity will be required by students that day. More details to follow.
- Step Up Day will be on June 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. More details to follow.

Lastly, it has come to my attention that there are still some questions out there that have been brought forward in the weekly anonymous parent surveys. Asking individualized questions or bringing concerns forward in the anonymous surveys we send out don't allow us to directly answer properly; we want to be transparent and answer all inquiries. In order to ensure that all questions are answered with correct information, I would ask that you contact one of the members of the administration team as the best source for that information. We will continue to provide clarity, as best we can, for what we are doing for the next few weeks and for the future.

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

With much appreciation,

Michael Watson
Principal at The Franciscan School