

Date: May 5th, 2020

Topic: TFS Update: Moving Forward

Dear TFS parents and faculty/staff:

I was going to send an update today with the latest NC news, but it appears the press conference will not be until 5:00. I don't expect any huge news or drastic changes, but I did want to update you on some scheduling items and provide you with ways to continue our mission to serve.

- Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! I know how much you all appreciate the teachers and ITAs, so please join all of the TFS administration and staff as we thank the faculty for their hard work, especially this trimester! We know they are tremendously valued by all the parents, students, and their colleagues at TFS. THANK YOU ALL!! The Home and School Association is providing a treat for our teachers this week, and we thank the HSA, and all of our families, for your recognition of our faculty!
- Please leave May 20th from 9:00 to 11:30 open! The teachers won't hold zoom sessions and class schedules will be updated to reflect that change. We are going to have a streamed Baccalaureate Mass for the school community at that time and a short "commencement ceremony" afterwards to recognize our 8th graders. More important info will follow, but I wanted to give you a heads-up a couple of weeks early. Our 8th graders have had a great year, albeit unusual, and we want to celebrate them and their accomplishments!
- While we will NOT have "Field Day", virtual or otherwise, this Friday, we will have a virtual field day the last week of school when we have more time to plan...and when it's warmer! A temp of 52 forecast for 8:00 AM this Friday with a 10 mph breeze makes me have chills just thinking of that dunk tank!!
- If you could not attend the Principal's Forums last week, here is a [link](#) to the Zoom audio.
- Opportunities for Service!
Families in the Veterans and REACH programs at Passage Home have been experiencing an enormous amount of stress during this time. As a result, many have been displaced to hotels without the proper nutrition to feed their families. TFS can help over 20 families during the next 2 weeks by donating casseroles, fresh fruit and vegetables. Please consider volunteering to bring an item to TFS during the designated days and times listed on this Sign-up Genius [link](#). A cooler will be outside Thea Office to help support social distancing. As always, thank you for your consideration and generosity during this unpredictable time. Please contact Sarah Lotchin at sarahkristine@yahoo.com with any questions and/or concerns.

We are working with Trevor Thompson, Director of the Peace and Justice Ministry at St. Francis, to provide more opportunities for us to provide service to our community during this time of physical separation. More information will follow soon as we remain dedicated to our mission and stand with those in need. We appreciate your dedication and focus on that mission, especially at this time when we are all facing challenges.

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

With enduring appreciation,

Michael Watson
Principal at The Franciscan School