

Moving Forward

Dear Little Flower Families and Friends,

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." - Psalm 46:1

We've often said we are preparing our kids for jobs and lifestyles that don't even exist yet.

Well, we're there! Teachers have done, and continue to do, a tremendous job adapting to new circumstances and preparing for school in a way we never have before. Thanks to the teachers for doing an incredible job.

Thanks to the parents who have adjusted their lives, who came in and picked up work, and who are now having to take on a new role in their child's education.

Thanks to the kids who are, I think, learning that they miss school. They are adjusting and learning to work differently. Strive for excellence, do everything to the best of your ability-you are, more than ever, in charge of your learning.

Next week, Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3 will still be our Spring Break. No new work will be assigned next week and students may use the time to catch up on anything they are missing. All work from the first two weeks of our ELearning will be due by Monday, April 6.

Beginning on Monday, April 6, students will have regularly scheduled class times with their teachers on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Middle school will be Monday-Friday. Work will be assigned on-line throughout the week, but these regularly scheduled class times will give students a chance to interact and to ask questions about the work provided. I am attaching the tentative schedule, though it is possible there could be changes. I will update as needed.

Because our situation is so new and so fluid, it is more important than ever to be in contact with your teachers. Please let teachers know how the schedule is working, how the workload is, what issues there may be. Our feedback loop has shifted and teachers need to hear from parents. Additionally, more than ever parents need to be checking on student work.

Following Spring Break, we are asking all parents to log in to Jupiter daily as our way of taking attendance. Please check gradebooks and teachers will be constantly updating- if not with actual grades, at least with checks and zeros to keep you aware of what work has been done.

At this time, we are stopping automatic payments on preschool and extended care. Tuition payments will continue. If your family encounters difficulties with this, please contact me, kgawrys@littleflowerparish.org, or Sandy Clegg, sclegg@littleflowerparish.org, and we will work with you. If your family is in need of food or other services, please contact me or Michelle Dunahee, mdunahee@littleflowerparish.org.

We are family at Little Flower and we are here to help one another. Please reach out if you need help or are offering help. With our state going on shutdown today, our school office will be closed. Please reach out to me via email or text me at 317-590-6683 (I don't answer calls from

numbers I don't know so if you call, leave a message).

We must all work together, and pray together, to end this crisis. Follow all health guidelines, follow public safety orders, follow The Little Way.

"We need to rediscover the concreteness of small things, the small acts of kindness shown to those who are close to us, family, friends. We need to realize that our treasure lies in small things. There are tiny gestures that sometimes get lost in the routine of everyday life, gestures of tenderness, affection, compassion, that are nevertheless decisive, important"

----Pope Francis

You are in my prayers,
Kevin Gawrys