"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

Dear St. Rose Families,

My prayers for continued safety, health, and peace are being sent your way. One week of Spring Break has seemed to go by quickly; or maybe it just seemed that way! The teachers were so happy to check-in with the children during the week. It was truly times of smiles and laughter as the children shared their stories about their adventures; we heard about bike rides, hikes, planting gardens, family sports, board games, photography, drawing, journaling, and adopting of puppies; we saw that while it wasn't a typical Spring Break week, they used their creativity to make the simplest things fun!

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, we remember that Jesus brings us hope, joy, and life! We have many reasons to feel blessed and know that we are not alone during this time. I want to thank all of the children and families who have been sending cards to our healthcare workers and to our friends at Church Hill Village. I received a message from our neighbors, from across the street, saying that the cards have brought such joy to the residents and they have been posting them, on the monitors throughout their facility, so they can be enjoyed each day and serve as a reminder that others are thinking about them and sending prayers their way! They have been quarantined from the very start, not being able to have family and friends visit them; your kindness and compassion have meant so much to them! We continue to be very proud of how our children are handling all that is going on around them; as they don't ever cease to amaze us, and teach us those all important lessons that strengthen our faith and hope! In light of that, we are going to safely gather at 2:45pm on Easter Sunday for our first annual St. Rose School Easter Car Parade! When you have a caring and loving community, what better way to appreciate it than to share it with others; so, we are including our friends at Church Hill Village by taking the car parade past their building as well. The residents and staff will be by the windows to watch and wave; they are elated to be included on a day filled with rejoicing and hope! More details for Sunday are included at the end of this note; a big thank you to Mrs. Chomiak for organizing the event with directions and the map!

While we are on break for the next week, and with the announcement of Distance Learning continuing to May 20; we are busy working on schedules and activities for the extension of our virtual days; we will have updates to share with you on April 17th. Once again, I want to thank our children and families for their patience, cooperation, and all the hard work to help the first three weeks go as smoothly as they did. We have some "tweaks" to make to our plans, but we are ready to continue this journey, together, because we can do this as we our reminded, daily, with God nothing is impossible! Our children continue to show us not to count the days, but to make the days count!

Wishing you a most blessed Easter and all the joy and hope of the season!

Warm Regards, Mrs. B Although Easter celebrations have some limitations this year, there are still ways we can safely see each other and spread some cheer and Easter Hope. We would like to invite you to join us in the first St. Rose School EASTER CAR PARADE! Below are the details:

- Arrive around 2:45 PM at the school parking lot please see attached map for parking instructions
- If you would like to, feel free to decorate your car with ribbons, balloons, Happy Easter signs, etc.
- IMPORTANT: Please do NOT get out of the car we need to keep everyone at a safe distance from each other
- Around 3 PM we will start driving starting with the first car in "Parking Lane 1", then "Parking Lane 2" etc.
- First we will drive by the rectory and wave to Father Bob and Father Alfonse and wish them Happy Easter
- Then we will drive by the Assisted Living Facility across the street and wave to them as well

We look forward to seeing many of you and creating a new happy memory for our school community!

Links:

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