



ELEMENTARY COMMUNICATION

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Dear Elementary Parents,

I hope you have all had a wonderful start to May. This month has always been a very special month for Clear Water Academy as it normally hosts our beautiful Mother's Day tea and our honouring of Mary through the Crowning of Mary Ceremony! Again, we are adjusting. Fr. Michael sent out an [email](#) earlier this week inviting you to a livestream version of the Crowning of Mary on May 15. We invite you all to join us in this cherished tradition.

Our week has been filled with many virtual meetings. Your children have often been a topic of our meetings; we are still finding ways to find joy through them! We are loving the many stories we are hearing of how they are responding to this new form of schooling. One theme that has come forth through the stories is that the children will sometimes respond better when the teachers (vs parents) are directing them. We even had one story where a teacher joined (via video on iPhone) a child who was hiding - as children do - under the bed to let the child know that it was time to "go to school!" We are really enjoying meeting all the extended family (dogs, cats, fish, and such) that your children have introduced to us. There is a gift in the new "windows" we are experiencing into homes and, for you, into classrooms!

It seems that just as we (administration) are finding a bit of a rhythm, we need to shift our focus to the end of the year and to plan for the scenarios that might exist for our start in September. We are in the midst of finalizing plans for our year-end report card and are examining the choices we have related to the logistics for a school-year close and all that it will entail. We will have more details for you on these items coming soon.

I will end my letter today with a special note to all of our moms as we head into Mother's Day weekend. Thank you for all that you do; you are the superheroes in your children's worlds! The hats you wear are many these days, and we feel so very blessed to have such a phenomenal group of moms as part of our Clear Water Family! Have a fantastic and blessed Mother's Day!

"Your greatest contribution to the Kingdom of God might not be something you do, but someone you raise."

- Andy Stanley

Sincerely in Christ,

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