



April 29, 2020

Dear Panther Families:

I pray this communication finds you all well as we continue to adjust to the unprecedented times we are facing together. Following last week's announcement by Governor DeWine to close Ohio schools through the end of the school year, we have been working to review our contingency plans and develop an end of year schedule of activities that allows us to maintain traditions while recognizing student accomplishments and achievements in a manner consistent with health guidelines and procedures.

My goal today is to provide a general overview of processes for all students, Preschool through high school. Mrs. MacMurray and Mr. Wikle will then follow up with information for their specific buildings.

Parent Survey on Remote Learning

Please take a few moments to complete [this online survey](#) regarding our remote learning activities. The information from this survey will help inform our procedures through the remainder of the school year and will also be invaluable to us for future planning. Please complete one survey per child attending SCCS.

End of Year Activities

All Students – Teachers and staff will be placing students' personal items into bags over the remainder of the school year. We will communicate plans for the scheduled pick-up of these items, which will likely be sometime in June.

The school year will end May 28.

Students with school-owned Chrome Books may keep those devices through the summer months.

Elementary:

- Kindergarten teachers will be scheduling a "graduation" ceremony by class. Look for additional information from them.
- Elementary Spring Music Concert is cancelled.
- Kindergarten Screening will be targeted for late July or early August.

Middle School :

- 8th Grade Recognition Mass & Scholarship Ceremony will be conducted virtually via Facebook Live on May 27th at 6 p.m.
- 8th Grade Class Trip—options are still being evaluated to address this. More to follow.
- Middle School Spring Concert is moving to a virtual performance with a targeted online release date of May 17.

High School:

- SMCC Musical is targeting a virtual/animated production of Hello My Baby. Additional details to follow.
- National Honor Society Induction will move to Fall 2020 and induct two years of members.
- Scholarship/Honors Assembly will be conducted virtually on May 21, as previously scheduled.
- Winter and Spring Sports Awards will be available for pick-up at the school. Look for information from Mr. Wikle on time and date.
- Class of 2020 Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Ceremony will move to a virtual format as discussed with the seniors in an online Class Meeting earlier today. We are planning to maintain as many of the treasured traditions of an SMCC graduation as possible as we work within local and statewide health guidelines.

This is not the way any of us would want our school year to end. There have been challenges and obstacles placed before us that no one could ever have anticipated. Yet, through it all, I have witnessed an incredible spirit within our school community that is truly inspiring. Whether it be teachers adapting to deliver instruction in ways they never have before, administrators guiding staff and continuing to connect with their students, maintenance staff working to ensure the building is safely cleaned and disinfected or families responding to the significant challenges of remote learning while also keeping their families positive and safe, the response has been incredible. Virtue Day activities, student-led initiatives in caring, participating in online Masses, showing gratitude for first responders and health care workers, the list goes on and on.

The spirit of an SCCS faith-based education is clear and its impact is evident throughout our community. You—the families of SCCS—should be extremely proud of what you have accomplished through such trying times. I know I am!

The spirit of the SCCS community is summed up well in Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:12-13

Be joyful in hope, persevere in hardship; keep praying regularly; share with any of God's holy people who are in need; look for opportunities to be hospitable.

May you enjoy the closing weeks of our school year as we celebrate, in new ways, the many accomplishments of our students, but especially our incredible Class of 2020.

May God Bless you all!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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