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Hello Panther Family

It is my most sincere hope this email finds you and your family well as, together, we face the challenges caused by COVID-19.

With Governor DeWine's announcement that Ohio schools will remain closed until at least May 1, we now have some additional clarity for the remainder of the school year. Please know our teachers will continue to provide the best remote learning opportunities possible until our Spring Break starts Friday, April 10th. This instructional format will then resume after Spring Break on Monday, April 20 for the duration of the mandated school closing period.

The efforts of our staff in providing meaningful and challenging remote learning activities during this school closure have been overwhelming. The professional collaboration as they moved from classroom teacher to online teacher was clear from our first staff meeting and I know it will continue as long as necessary. Teachers moved out of the comfort zone of their classroom to the challenges of a webcam and Google Hangout presentations all while maintaining focus on our primary mission—providing a high-quality faith-based education for their students.

With this new closing period, we are evaluating all remaining school events, including athletics, and developing contingency plans. Additionally, the OHSA has announced an extension of the no-contact period during the time school is closed. This means our coaches, at all grade levels elementary through high school, are prohibited from athletic related contact with our student-athletes.

We understand each one of you are facing tremendous challenges at home, compounded by now filling a role as a sort of "co-teacher" for your child during this extended closure. During these challenging times it's critical to focus on things we can control, rather than those we cannot. Just as our teachers are learning new rules on what they can control in this new instructional model, our students (and you as parents) are learning new rules as well. A necessary component to learning what you can control, though, is learning what you need to let go. I urge you all to keep family and faith as your priority. Find...no...make quality time for relaxation, family bonding and prayer each day. By focusing on these priorities, we can help turn our obstacles into opportunities.

Finally, remember you aren't "*stuck at home*", instead you are "*safe at home!*"

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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