



MOTHER SETON SCHOOL

April 21, 2020

TUESDAY NEWS Hotsheet *SPECIAL*

A Note from the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents,

Per Governor Larry Hogan's April 17, 2020 announcement that all Maryland public schools will be closed through May 15, 2020, **Mother Seton School will be closed through May 15, as well.** Remote learning will continue, and I ask that you continue to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or uncertainty regarding assignments.

Since our first school closure was announced on March 12th, many of you have expressed your support, but also sadness, confusion, and anxiety regarding the school and business closures, the suspension of public Masses, and the administration of the Sacraments. It's a trying time for all of us and it can be difficult some days to make sense of it all.

Recently, I read a letter that the Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda, wrote to the faithful in his Archdiocese on April 17th. While Archbishop Hebda, in the following paragraph, is specifically referring to public Masses and the administration of the Sacraments, **I believe we can apply his message to our school closure and the many restrictions and closures that have been placed on our society:**

*"Amidst this pain, I remain convinced that the restrictions that have been placed on public Masses and the administration of the Sacraments are consistent with our faith. The Gospel calls us to respect and defend the lives of our families, neighbors, and especially the most vulnerable. This sometimes requires sacrificing our own desires for their good. 'There is no greater love, than to lay down your lives for your friends,' Jesus said the night before He died. How could we as his disciples receive the Sacraments without thought or care for the safety of others? **The Eucharist is representation of Jesus' own sacrifice, and He commands us to follow His example by making sacrifices in how we live out our faith and enter into the Church's sacramental life.** 'As I have done, you must also do.'"*

The health and safety of the Mother Seton community remains top priority. Please continue to pray for all those affected by this virus, our community and government leaders, nurses, doctors, emergency responders, and all those tasked with dealing with this critical situation.

May God continue to bless you and your families!

Our Campus is Closed. Our Learning Continues.

Visit our website for current announcements and updates, as well as local and national resources to help you navigate this crisis.

REMINDERS

- ★ If you are returning next fall, **PLEASE complete your re-registration.** We must plan for the next school year and **having accurate numbers is critical** to ensuring we have the best resources in place, including teachers, textbooks, and technology. **No registration fees are due.** If you will not be returning, please let us know in writing.
- ★ May tuition has been waived. Please pay your April tuition as scheduled. If you require a waiver or assistance, please contact Albert at anastasi@mothersetonschool.org.
- ★ Due to the unusual extenuating circumstances of this campus closure, **your student's grades for the last trimester will not be negatively affected.** However, **students do have the chance to positively affect their grades** by continuing to put forth their best effort to complete assignments on time. As always, please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.
- ★ If your family is suffering hardships due to the current situation, please contact Ms. Kitly at kkilty@mothersetonschool.org or Albert. Thanks to the generosity of our community and a grant from FOCE, **we are able to provide some assistance to families in need.** We want to help!
- ★ If you are blessed in not experiencing financial hardship, **please consider making a gift to our Urgent Needs campaign** to help other families. Visit bit.ly/MSS-urgent to give today.

#FITNESSFRIDAY with MRS. STOCKSDALE

Check out our FB page every Friday morning for a fitness session with Mrs. Stocksdale!
Healthy fun for the entire family!



#MONDAYSWITHMORTON

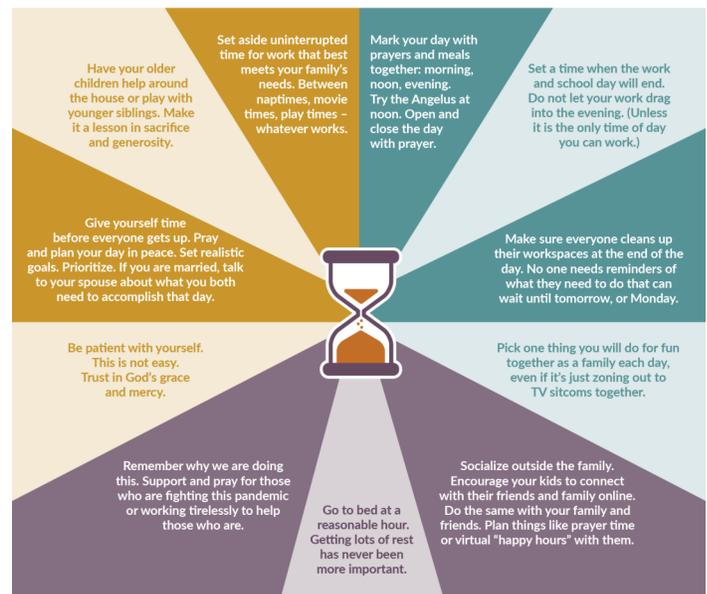
Pre-K's monkey, Morton, has gotten lonely without his friends! Follow his adventures through the school each Monday on our Facebook page.

#MONDAYMOTVATION, #WISDOMWEDNESDAY, and #THANKFULTHURSDAY

Follow us on Social Media Mon, Wed, and Thurs for a reflection or encouraging thought.

The Baltimore Archdiocese (archbalt.org) has a wealth of resources for practicing faith at home, including this tip sheet on maintaining a prayerful life. See an enlarged version on our website.

Tips for Prayerful Productivity *Teleworking with Kids at Home Edition*



No account required to view our Facebook page or Instagram feed! Look for photos, videos, & other fun stuff. It's a great way to see all the great activities happening at school!