

**To: Prince of Peace Catholic School Parents**  
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**Subject: Prince of Peace School update**

Dear Parents,

Father Fallon reminds us that our first prayer must be a prayer of gratitude and all of us here at Prince of Peace Catholic School are keeping you in our prayers and we are grateful for our school family who are working with us during this trying time. We pray especially for all the families who have been impacted by this disease and pray that God will continue to watch over them and bless them with good health and peace and harmony in your home.

As you know, Governor Ivey has declared that public schools will not reconvene in-school education for the remainder of this school year. We have also received word from the diocese that Bishop Baker has decided to implement the same measures and not reconvene in-school classes for the Catholic schools in the Birmingham Diocese. To consider these decisions, the administration of Prince of Peace met with our faith formation board today and we wanted to share with you the decision for Prince of Peace Catholic School.

The safety and education of your child remains our top priority, therefore Prince of Peace will only offer e-learning for the remainder of the school year. Our teachers and faculty will continue to provide daily lessons and assignments and will utilize electronic methods to continue to teach to your children. Fortunately, we have a two-week head start with e-learning with our students and we hope they are settling into this new reality. We do not want your child to fall behind in their education, and likewise we also do not want to overwhelm them, or you as they adjust to this at-home learning process.

Our staff is dedicated to doing everything they can to assist you and your child to continue their education, and we are here to support you in any way we can. We are working in conjunction with the Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools to develop guidelines and expectations of the students which will help keep them engaged in their education and will also be mindful of the changing and varied home environment of our families. We will provide those guidelines to you electronically in a subsequent email.

We know that there are certain school functions that your child may not want to miss, such as the eighth grade graduation. Please know that we are making plans to hold these events later this summer. We further recognize that the closure of schools and businesses, and the requirements for social distancing is affecting families in a variety of ways. Here at Prince of Peace, our teachers will continue to work by developing lessons and educational plans and to teach your children remotely through electronic methods.

We have made the decision to honor our teachers' contracts and to continue their pay in full. While it is our tuition payments from parents that provide the necessary funds to accomplish this, we are aware that some of you may be facing a financial impact at this

time. Therefore, we will be asking our parish finance council to meet and discuss options which we could employ to help any family requiring assistance. It is our profound hope that all our students are able to return in the fall and we want to ease any financial burden to the extent we are able. We hope to communicate our decision regarding tuition assistance within the next few days.

We know that you may have questions, recommendations and feedback for us as we journey this new road together. We welcome your suggestions and ideas on how to move forward in this unprecedented situation. Please feel free to reach out to me or Mrs. Angstadt via email or by phone. We would love to hear from you. Please know how much you are appreciated and how much we value your support of our school. We are confident that God will bring us all through this much stronger than before and we trust in His providence and protection.

God bless you all,

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