

Dear Families,

We were sad to hear Gov. Tim Walz declare last week that all school buildings will remain closed for the rest of the school year. Distance learning has not been easy on top of the general stress we are all feeling from this pandemic.

We want you to know that it is OK if you do not accomplish everything your child's teacher would do in the classroom. We know that getting children to focus on their school work can be overwhelming. In times like this, it is important to "pick your battles." Small accomplishments are wins! Read aloud, play games and go for walks together. Give your children love, support and encouragement. We so appreciate the hard work that you are doing with your scholars at home, and we continue to pray for you daily.

Our last day of academic learning will be Friday, May 29. The following week, June 1-5, will be used for year-end activities such as turning in your Chromebook, picking up belongings left at school, and saying farewell to teachers.

A complete plan, which will be developed according to social distancing rules, will be communicated at the end of May.

Plans for graduation will be forthcoming based on further direction expected from the governor. We also are developing plans for Summer SLAM. You will be hearing more about our plans soon.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week, and we are planning to livestream Mass on the Church of the Ascension YouTube channel at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 8. Please plan to have your scholar attend, and join us if you are able.

Thank you, again, for trusting us with the education of your child. We look forward to a time when we can again – safely – open our classrooms to our scholars. Know that you are in our prayers.

With appreciation,
Ascension Catholic Academy