



March 23, 2020

Dear St. Peter Academy Parents and Guardians,

In relation to our Early Education Program (Toddler-Age), **we are attaching a survey** that assesses family needs and interest at this time. We kindly request that you complete the family survey **within the next 24 hours**. Upon receipt of responses, the professional staff will collaborate to determine appropriate steps that our school can take to continue academic, social, and emotional growth during the COVID-19 crisis. Additionally, everyone should have received the next curriculum-based, family-friendly packet of remote learning today through our Tadpoles online portal.

Our leadership remains committed to supporting, preserving, and sustaining the mission of St. Peter Academy through service to our faculty, staff, and families. As a community-based, non-profit institution, it requires a delicate balance of operational and financial measures; these aspects must be considered at all times while striving to meet the needs of every individual. One of the steps we have taken to retain and care for staff is the continuation of salaries and benefits during this period. Such actions ensure a continuity of learning and necessary care for our students throughout this unprecedented time and upon returning to our school building. In an attempt for us to fully understand the potential needs of our families, and to work towards supporting those needs, we are distributing the aforementioned survey.

As you are aware, our school remains closed due to orders received by Governor Charlie Baker and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh. We continue our efforts to deep-clean and sanitize our building in preparation for a future reopening. We are still awaiting confirmation of a possible COVID-19 (Coronavirus) exposure within our community and will relay confirmation of this when and if it is received. Please know that we have now entered the phase of community spread in Massachusetts; everyone is encouraged to practice social distancing and stay away from individuals with compromised immune systems whenever possible. We appreciate your understanding and support of our ongoing initiatives to ensure the safety of students, faculty, staff, and families. In these days especially, it is important for all of us to remain calm, positive, hopeful, and reassuring for the benefit of our children.

Please find the survey we have created to assess the needs of our Early Education program families [here](#).

Sincerely,

Francis Galligan, Ed.M.
Principal, St. Peter Academy

Maryann Crush
President, St. Peter Academy Board

Character and Courage



March 20, 2020

Dear St. Peter Academy Parents and Guardians,

Now that we have concluded our first week of **remote learning**, we would like to update you on our plan of action moving forward into next week. Principal Galligan and Maryann Crush, President of the St. Peter Academy Board, met virtually through the ZOOM Video Conference platform with all teachers within our Early Education and Elementary Divisions at two separate times today. In our discussions, using the overwhelmingly positive response to **virtual learning** gathered in our recent elementary parent survey, we are preparing for virtual learning to **begin next Tuesday, March 24, 2020** in Pre-K through Grade 6.

Elementary teachers will be reaching out with instructions and expectations related to their specific classroom on Monday, March 23, 2020. To prepare for this, we ask that families set aside time this weekend to ready devices and their home environments for Tuesday's launch. One way to do this is by doing a test-run of your tablets, laptops, or desktop devices by visiting www.zoom.us/test. Please note that these devices should have a built-in microphone and web camera; additionally, we do not recommend that students utilize smartphones to access this feature in order to maximize the educational experience and community connection. Furthermore, during the launch period, families should expect the virtual connection to be approximately 30 minutes for each grade-level between the hours of 9 AM and 12 Noon, based upon responses received in our recent survey.

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