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Dear VSCA Families,

Our online learning is in full swing! All classes will have their course work posted in RenWeb/FACTS. From there, you will be directed to any other platforms being used (Zoom, Google Classroom, See Saw, etc.). PLEASE open the attachment to this message as it contains ALL virtual classroom times. These are LIVE interactive classes which will all be up and ready by Monday, March 23rd. What does that mean? If your child has a class posted for 9 am, they will be given instructions as to where they need to log in. They will be able to see their classmates and instructors in real time and have an interactive experience. We believe that these times will be the MOST important part of your child's day. It will help to keep them connected. Please know that we are aware that there may be some glitches. Our staff is doing everything they can to give your child a great experience and are working diligently at providing creative content. In addition to virtual classroom time, all teachers are making themselves available for "desk time," where your child can "meet" with the teacher virtually, should they need any further instruction of material, extra help... Desk times have been scheduled for 1:15-2 pm Monday to Friday. The only exemptions are those teachers who are teaching at those times (Mr. Dunn and Mr. Urban). They will have desk time from 2-2:45pm.

If you have any questions concerning course content, please contact the teacher directly. All staff email addresses can be found in RenWeb/FACTS in your Parent Portal. If you have any other questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact me, Mrs. Shanhai, or Ms. Adams. Please note that we continue to take attendance. If your child is sick and unable to do their course work, we ask that you email Mrs. Hough (xhough@vscaschool.org) and inform her of the nature of the illness by 9am. In addition, if your child does not log in or send in required course work for the day, they will be marked absent.

Our phones are up and running. Feel free to call our school offices. Mrs. Hough (516-561-6122) and Mr. Tranquille (516-823-0022) are ready to answer your questions.

Tomorrow, Friday, March 20th, we will be opening up the school buildings from 12-4pm for any parent who needs to pick up their child's books from school. We will be asking all parents to remember to keep social distancing norms posted by the CDC, and will be limiting where you'll be able to go for the materials.

Also tomorrow, I will be posting pre-recorded chapels for our Elementary and MS/HS students. More information to follow on where to find these!

Lastly, I would like to offer you some suggestions on keeping yourselves "sane" during these challenging times:

1. Set up a comfortable workplace for child. Ideally a desk or table in a quiet spot.
2. Try to keep to your regular schedule, especially the times when you wake and go to sleep.
3. Limit extra screen time. This will be difficult as they also have the need to stay connected. As always, do your best to monitor their sites.
4. Encourage your child to get fresh air and exercise. If possible, take walks or rides with your children. Watch exercise videos and do them together. Hey! Follow THIS and you could be in the best shape of your life!
5. Be creative! Go on Amazon and buy paint, markers, clay, etc. Play board games, Charades, Pictionary, etc. Teach them those card games that YOU used to play before there was internet and technology!
6. Be sure to let your child know that God is in control, they are safe, and they are resilient (remind yourself of this as well). Pray with them. Pray with them. Pray with them. Did I mention PRAY WITH THEM?

We know that God uses EVERYTHING for our good. Even what Satan has meant for evil. Let us focus on the goodness of God, what we DO have, and how we can be a blessing to others. I know I speak for the entire staff of VSCA when I say, "We love you and are praying for you."

God's Richest Blessings,

Leslie Fowley