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Dear VSCA Families,

Well, we made it! Got through our first day of virtual learning! Please remember, if you have had a problem with a specific class, email the teacher directly. This will help to expedite resolutions. One issue that is of great importance to us is each student's workload. We are getting mixed results and want to do our best to make modifications, wherever necessary. Unfortunately, one thing we have learned- within the same class, some parents have felt there is too much work, some feel there is not enough, and others feel it is just right. Of course, we are also aware that this often occurs during our regular course of business, but we want to be sure that we address everyone's concerns, recommendations, and even the praise that our teachers are receiving. While our staff is working overtime, it is not lost on us that many of you are working overtime as well- holding down a job while helping more than ever with your child's school work or facing known or unknown financial challenges. I can not emphasize enough that these are uncharted waters for ALL of us. Let's remember to believe the best of each other (and I don't just mean concerning school). Our staff continues to have morning devotions together, focusing solely on our current situation. I had mentioned in a previous post that we would like to have a parent prayer time, but presently, we are focusing on classroom and general school procedures. If any parent would like to oversee this, please email me and I'd love to work it out, sooner rather than later.

The following is new and updated information. As we continue to take one day at a time, please understand that we are doing our best to address all questions as best as we can.

1. The Academic Fair will be rescheduled. We are looking at the middle of May. IF we are still not in our buildings, it will be held virtually, including with judging. The Department of Education has made the recommendation to continue with as much project based learning as possible. These types of assignments involve more than just reading and writing. They incorporate creativity, abstract learning, and a chance for students with all different learning styles a chance to thrive. Classroom teachers are aware of the time involved and will continue to make accommodations with their other course work.
2. The "Hold Your Seat" of \$200 has been extended to May 1, 2020. We hope this will give parents a little breathing room. Please be advised, though, that we continue having applications received for the next school year and each class has a limit on the number of students that can be accommodated. The Hold Your Seat fee can be sent by mail to Mrs. Lisa Milazzo at 188 Rockaway Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580, or email Mrs. Milazzo to have it processed through your FACTS account.
3. The Walk a Thon will continue! If we are not in our buildings by May 1st, we will do it virtually! We may not be able to have a bounce house and Escape Room, but we will be sure to have fun challenges for everyone!
4. This Friday is..... CRAZY HEAD DAY!

Wear your craziest head gear! If you're in a virtual class, wear it then! We ask that everyone take a picture of yourself and send it to Mrs. Ayala at [bayala@vscaschool.org](mailto:bayala@vscaschool.org), by 3:00 on Friday. We will post ALL of the pictures in a link on our webpage (that info will be coming). And yes, of course, there will be prizes! One 1st and 2nd place in Kindergarten through 5th grade and one 1st and 2nd place in 6-12th grades. Winners will be judged by non-VSCA personnel (no question about favorites!) and they will receive an emailed gift certificate to Amazon (supplied by a generous VSCA supporter!) We're looking for some creativity here! Looking forward to seeing all your wonderful creations!

Most importantly, I can not stress enough, fix your eyes on Jesus! Not on the news, not on your circumstances, not on an unknown future. Allow the Author and Finisher of your Faith to move in your heart and mind. What a wonderful Savior He is and will remain.

God Bless,

Leslie Fowley