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Dear VSCA Families,

For years, VSCA has had regularly scheduled events. Unfortunately, our current circumstances have made most of these non-existent, or at best, radically changed. These include our Academic fair, Night of Praise and Worship, Formal, Graduation, and many others too numerous to count. All this and to say nothing of the impromptu games, parties, and other functions which create bonds between students, staff, and families. BUT-we will not let challenges stop us from being as creative as possible in keeping some traditions going. This week there are a number of announcements and reminders, so get your calendars ready!

·Our 4th-11th Grade students have been working diligently on their Academic Fair projects and research papers. An extension was given in order for our families to adjust to our new learning design. Well, the results are in and the finalist list will be announced on Monday, May 18th! That will be followed by LIVE Zoom judging of all the finalists on Tuesday, evening, May 19th, beginning at 6:45 pm. All finalists will be given a time slot to present their project. Be on the lookout for an email informing you and your child, if they are a finalist. A time slot will also be given at that time.

·The Walk-A-Thon is almost upon us. In order to make this easier on our families, students will have a choice of days in which to participate. We have added some fun contests and hope we can all make use of these warmer days we're having. A separate email will be sent with all the details.

·Our "Essential Workers Video" is complete! [Click here](#) to view it. And by all means, pass it along to any essential workers in your life!

·A reminder: Our Awards and Graduation Ceremonies will be taking place in the main sanctuary at 12 E. Fairview Ave., on Saturday, July 25, 2020. Kindergarten through 5th grade will be at 10:30 AM, 6-12th grade, at 1PM. What will that look like? We're not sure. Hopefully face to face, but we are prepared for a live stream and/or virtual. We will keep you updated as we follow all of our state's guidelines.

·And speaking of GRADUATES--- we are having a parade for our Kindergarten, 5th grade, and 12th grade graduates! We are asking ALL of our VSCA families to come out to the school on Wednesday, June 3rd at 11AM, to celebrate our kindergarteners, 5th graders, and seniors. We want to line the entire block (using safe distancing practices), holding up signs and cheering as these students and their families drive by. Let's show our support for these wonderful students!

·In keeping with our regular calendar dates, next week will be the start of our Memorial Day recess. On Thursday, a half day of school, we would have been enjoying our annual Formal. We are still hoping that we will be having it on our new date, July 7th. It has always been a day of fun for the entire school. To that end, on Thursday, May 21st, there will be NO regularly scheduled Zoom classes. At 10 AM, all grades will be having, "Movie and a snack." Each class will receive log-in information for their grade's movie. Kindergarten -5th will be watching one movie together, 6-12th will

have their movie at the same time. We will be off on Friday, May 22 through Monday, May 25th. We will resume our regular schedule on Tuesday, May 26th.

As always, I want to remind you that, should you be facing any Covid related struggles (financial or otherwise), PLEASE contact either Mrs. Shanhai, Ms. Adams, or myself. We will do our best to help you in any way possible. During these challenging times, I am reminded of how far in a deep pit I was until Jesus came and rescued me. I wasn't looking for Him. As far as I was concerned, everything was fine. But His great hand of mercy reached out to me, pulled me out of the muck and mire, washed me and cleansed me of my sins (of which I was TOTALLY unaware). What a miracle it was! If you have received that same miracle, I encourage you to begin to rejoice, right now, wherever you are reading this! Give Him shouts of praise and thanksgiving! King of Kings and Lord of Lords, thank you for the miracle of salvation! Thank you, that you hold us in the palm of Your hands! Thank you, that You provide a place of rest for the weary! Thank you for every blessing You have poured out upon us!

God's Richest Blessings,

Leslie Fowley

Superintendent