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Dear Parents/Guardians:

"Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you, and uphold you with my right hand." [Isaiah 41:10](#)

Spring is finally here...it's amazing what warm weather and sun can do for the soul. We would like to share some updates with you as we look to plan for the remainder of the year.

Return of FLEX/Scheduled Help

Starting May 3, we are adding Scheduled Help or FLEX time back into the schedule. This time will be added to the start of each day and will last approximately 25 minutes. This time is targeted at students who are struggling academically and students who find themselves quarantined and need someone on one assistance from their teacher. We have chosen first thing in the morning as it more closely complies with COVID-19 protocols we have in place to keep students safe.

Graduation

In mid February, we sent a graduation letter outlining some tentative plans. As with all things COVID-19 related, we are still in a wait and see mode to find out what restrictions will be in place for graduation. We have scheduled a grad parent information night for mid May. We are hopeful we will have more information from Alberta Health Services by this time on gatherings and the implications for Graduation. We will continue to communicate graduation information via Swift Reach.

Student Conference

On April 29, we hosted an online virtual student conference entitled "The Story of My Life, The Next Chapter." The conference focused on the effects COVID-19 has had on student's lives, acknowledging their feelings, providing strategies to overcome these feeling and finding gratitude as we move forward. As a school, we have been asked numerous times by parents "how are we supporting the mental health of our students?" This conference is part of our recovery plan for students to help them move forward with what has been a tough time for all.

As a school community, we empathise with the challenges COVID-19 has brought to our families and students. Quarantining has been hard and many students are feeling the affects of this. We anticipate the addition of flex time will help students moving forward. We have appreciated parents reaching out to us with feedback and concerns. We would also like to recognize the hard work our staff is putting in at this time. Although exhausted, they continue to work hard and put the needs of the student's front and centre...St. Joseph has been blessed with an amazing group of adults!

Blessings,

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