



March 14, 2020

Dear St. Catherine of Siena Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update regarding a few upcoming school events, and to share the plan St. Catherine of Siena teachers will be using to continue to provide for our students' educational needs during the next two weeks of non-traditional instruction (NTI) days. The accompanying plan outlines what resources we will use for teaching and learning, as well as expectations for teachers, students, and parents. It will truly take a team effort from all of us in order for our students to continue to make academic progress. I thank you in advance for your support and cooperation during these NTI days.

This is a new experience for all of us, and we expect to learn a lot about what works well, and what doesn't work well, during the first few NTI days. This is our starting plan, but if needed, we will make changes or adjustments to better meet our students' learning needs. Any changes will be communicated to parents through email.

As many of you are aware, students in grades 2 through 7 were scheduled to begin the IOWA assessments on Monday, March 23rd. I am currently working with the Department of Catholic Schools to identify a new time frame for testing. Once those dates have been confirmed, I will send out further information to parents. Also, our third and fifth grade students have been busy preparing for their upcoming plays which were scheduled to be performed on Thursday, March 19th. These plays have been postponed, and when we return to school, we will determine a new date for these performances. Finally, third quarter report cards were scheduled to be sent home during this upcoming week. Teachers will have third quarter grades finalized on Sycamore by Wednesday, March 18th at 9:00am, at which time parents may view their child's grades. Printed report cards will be sent home with students upon our return to school.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for our students, families, and community as we navigate our way through this unprecedented situation. Feel free to email me at jscherer@stcatherineofsiena.org if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing everyone again in two weeks. Take care and be well.

Blessings,

Julie Scherer