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Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff:

I am sorry this is later than normal. I have been trying to limit the amount of emails you receive from me as I know some of us are getting inundated with emails, especially if you are working from home. I received over the weekend an email that the Diocese was going to devise a letter and get it to us to send out to parents so I was waiting for it. They had some technical issues yesterday so I received the letter in the afternoon.

I know these are trying times with the pandemic as we continue to receive disheartening news such as the closure of schools and the continuing of remote learning days until the end of the school year and now the cancelation of spring sports. I believe there is a silver lining in all of this. We are spending a lot of time with family and now more than ever, students will be excited to return to school! I pray you all are healthy and enjoying the spring weather.

Remote Learning Planning Day

A reminder that Friday, April 24, 2020 is a Remote Learning Planning Day for the teachers. Teachers will be working planning for the following week and entering grades. Grades will be updated on Saturdays of each week. There are a few teachers who have assignments that are due on Fridays at 11:59 p.m. Please check your child's grades to ensure they are keeping up with their work. However, this does not mean students do not have to work on assignments on this day.

Work Completion

Engagement is difficult for all of us when we are not together but try to keep the focus and complete work. Please complete work when it is due. This helps teachers to stay organized and know where students may need assistance. Students who are not attending class and completing work will receive an Incomplete. If they receive an Incomplete for the course, students will have to take summer school or retake the class next school year.

IHSA

At this time, spring sports state tournaments have been canceled and summer contact days have been suspended for this year until further notice. IHSA will keep us informed if and when these contact days will be reinstated.

School Property

Students should not use any of the outdoor athletic facilities on Newman's property. I know it is difficult to find places to go but if there are 2 people using the facilities and others find out about it, then there will be more. We want to honor the shelter-in-place and social distancing that the Governor has put in place but most importantly keep our Newman family safe and healthy. Please refrain from using our facilities.

Musical

Those students who were in the musical. We will be collecting the playbooks as we need to return them to the company. Please let me know when you will be able to drop the book off and I will come out to your vehicle to retrieve it.

End of Year Ceremonies/Activities

We will be making plans for end of the year ceremonies. I have a meeting with the Rockford Diocese on Thursday, April 23, 2020 to discuss this. Friday, April 24, 2020 the School Improvement Team is going to meet virtually to discuss options, ideas and plans for the end of year.

Rosary

We will be doing the Rosary on Friday, April 24, 2020 at 2:15 p.m. I am including the link so that you may join. If you are interested in leading a decade, please email me. meet.google.com/tpd-jebp-gyx

Join by phone +1 917-960-9907 PIN: 677 728 181#

Praying for our Newman family always. Take care and stay healthy.

God Bless,

Jennifer Oetting