Dear Parents,

As you may have heard this afternoon, Governor DeWine has announced that all Ohio K-12 schools will remain closed for the rest of this academic year. He consulted with educators, administrators and parents in making his decision, and stated as reasons the fact that the coronavirus remains a threat, children can be carriers of the virus, and consistency is needed in proceeding through the remainder of the school year.

With this in mind, our plan for the remainder of the year at St. Hilary School will be as follows:

PLAN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

- Online / remote instruction will continue through Friday, May 29.
- Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 25.

• The week of June 1 will be used to wrap up communication with students via Zoom, collect any remaining student work and finalize grades.

- All student work for the fourth quarter must be completed and submitted by June 4.
- Final report cards will be available on Gradelink on June 9.

• During the week of June 1, we will schedule opportunities for families to drop off books and school-owned devices and to pick up any remaining student property which will be bagged and labeled by teachers. This will be done in a drive-through format similar to our homework pick-up on April 2. Please watch for further information and instructions about this.

• Families looking for a specific item that may be in our Lost and Found bins are asked to email Kathleen Gibson at <u>kapeia1a@yahoo.com</u> by Friday, May 1 so an attempt can be made to locate the item to be included with bagged student property during our drop-off / pick-up opportunities during the week of June 1. All items not specifically requested by May 1 will be donated to charity.

• Please watch for additional information about donating to or receiving items from our Recycled Uniforms program.

• We are working on planning alternative Student Council elections as well as alternative year-end events for our eighth grade students. Please watch for more information as plans are finalized.

 \cdot The Ohio Department of Education has compiled a list of resources for parents and caregivers to use during this time of learning at home. This and many other resources can be found on the <u>COVID-19 page</u> on our school website.

Governor DeWine stressed that while it is too early to make a decision about a return to school in the fall, schools should plan for the possibility that adjustments may need to

be made. We want to assure you that we have already begun planning and preparing for the possibility that our school operations may not be typical as we begin the 2020-2021 school year. As we continue to receive direction from our leaders, and as our planning evolves, we will keep you posted.

We would like to again reiterate that if your child or your family is struggling with school work during this time, you need to reach out to us so that we can help you. We want to work together with you to make these next few weeks as productive and smooth as possible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING THIS CHALLENGING TIME!