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Dear MCES Families,

It is my sincere hope that everyone had a very Happy Easter and that distance learning is going well for your family. As always, we are here to support you with your child's learning; we are partners in your child's education. Please do not hesitate to ask questions and request support from your child's teachers.

With the remainder of the school year being completed in a distance learning format, we have made some changes we want you to be aware of. They are outlined below. Please read this letter in its entirety.

End of School Year

After careful discernment and examination of our local situation, we have decided to conclude our formal distance learning instruction on Friday, May 29. This is the date that has been recommended by the Archdiocese of Detroit Office of Catholic Schools and is in unison with the other Catholic elementary schools in our vicariate. At that point, students on track for promotion to the next grade will formally complete their current grade and be cleared to advance in the fall. If you have any specific questions about your student, please do not hesitate to contact the child's teacher or myself. We plan to offer a variety of end of year virtual activities and celebrations during the week of May 26-29. Many details to come!

Enrollment Deadline

MCES will be extending the enrollment deadline to June 15. **If you have not submitted your enrollment paperwork and deposit**, please fill out the following form:

<https://forms.gle/rcX9rJyBMK4sahNZA> Once you have completed the online form, you are considered "pre-registered." Please complete this by Friday, May 1st. You will be considered fully registered once we receive your enrollment paperwork and deposit following the discontinuation of travel restrictions. We are hopeful that everyone plans to return for the 2020-2021 school year, however if you are considering enrolling in another school next year, please email me at kubik@monroecatholicschools.com. This will assist us in planning for the upcoming academic year. We look forward to partnering with you.

Archdiocese of Detroit Financial Assistance Program

The deadline to apply for AoD Financial Assistance for the 2020-2021 school year has been extended to May 15th. Information can be found here:

<https://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships>.

Pastor Signature Forms from last year will be accepted in lieu of obtaining a new form. If this is your first year applying, please contact your parish and ask the pastor to write a signed letter in

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place of the form and have him email it to you. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Hussey at hussey@monroecatholicschools.com.

Family Service Hour Requirements

We recognize that many families wait for the Auction to obtain their Family Service Hour requirements. We will forgive incomplete service hours for the 2019-2020 school year due to the abrupt end to the year and inability to complete hours during the travel restrictions. Please enter your completed service hours: <https://www.mcesmonroe.com/family-service-hours.html>.

Kindergarten Registration

Space is filling quickly in our Kindergarten Classes! If you are not currently registered, please do so soon using the pre-registration form above. Information regarding Kindergarten Readiness Screening will be available soon.

Grading Information for 4th Quarter

Students are still learning and will continue to be assessed during the COVID-19 Distance Learning. End of year report cards will be made available at the conclusion of the school year. Teachers have been instructed to be lenient with due dates and workloads to ensure families are not overwhelmed with the work. If your child is struggling with the work or workload, please reach out to your child's teacher; they are happy to help if possible!

5th, 6th, & 7th Grade Families

Please complete the Elective Request Forms sent by Mrs. Zawistowicz so she can complete the 2020-2021 class schedule in a timely manner. Thank you!

Community

In our Catholic School, the community is one of the most important parts of the experience. Please encourage your child to participate in the Zoom calls with their class for both the academic experience as well as the time to connect with their peers. I also encourage you to watch the daily morning assembly video and join us for the weekly Facebook Live Masses. Information is shared in the daily email, on the website and on social media.

Yearbooks

Our middle school yearbook class continues to work under the direction of Mrs. Cobb to prepare a thorough and memorable publication. They are still available to order. Please follow this link: <https://prepay.geskusphoto.com/orderSchool.asp>. Please search "Monroe Catholic Schools" to be directed to our ordering information.

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Auction Update

Fundraising is a vital part of the annual MCES budget. The dollars raised go toward paying the wages and benefits for our incredible teachers and staff. With that in mind, we plan to host a virtual auction in late May. Many more details to come, but we hope you and your family and friends will be willing to support us in this endeavor.

8th Grade Graduation & Recognition

We understand that the end of 8th Grade is meant to be a very special time for our students: Washington, DC; celebrations with friends; and Graduation. We will do everything we can to recognize our 8th graders accomplishments and send them on their way to high school with fond memories of MCES. The Archdiocese of Detroit is recommending a virtual graduation ceremony; once we have determined all the details we will share that information with you.

Spirituality Resources

www.stjohnmonroe.com
www.stmarymonroe.org
www.stmichaelmonroe.com
unleashthegospel.org/
www.aod.org

Academic Resources

<https://www.mcesmonroe.com/online-learning.html>

COVID 19 Resources

<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>
[https://www.co.monroe.mi.us/officials_and_departments/departments/health_department/coronavirus_\(covid-19\).php](https://www.co.monroe.mi.us/officials_and_departments/departments/health_department/coronavirus_(covid-19).php)
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

We are certainly living in a unique time, but I am confident that we will come through this stronger as an MCES Family and I cannot wait to see what the future holds. Throughout this time, we keep you and all those affected by COVID-19 in our prayers and ask that you join with us. Stay healthy!

Thank you for your partnership,
Mr. Kyle Kubik, MA E.L.
Executive Principal
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