May 1, 2020

To: Students, Parents & Staff
Re: Student Assessment & Report Cards

First, thank you to a group of principals and teachers who met several times to develop the Home Learning Plan and the Home Learning Plan & Student Assessment Plan. We recognize that delivery of outcomes Home Learning shall be student-focused, positive, and supportive. The COVID-19 pandemic that is still with us, shall not negatively impact student grades.

The purpose of assessment is to be authentic, engaging, and productive. Learning can occur without awarding marks to students. Students did not ask to be in this predicament. While some are flourishing, other face physical, social, emotional, or economic challenges. I appreciate the many ways teachers are delivering education, accommodating issues that students are experiencing.

Teachers in Grades 1-6 are expected to assign no more than 1 hour of assigned work a day. Teachers in Grades 7-9 will assign no more than 2 collective hours of work a day, and teachers in Grades 10-12, 3 hours per course per week.

**Effective today, the current mark system in PowerSchool will be turned off for students and parents in Grades 1-9.** Students in Grades 1-9 will be provided with feedback and the report card will be anecdotal. Students is Grades 10-12 will be provided with enhanced feedback and number grades.

**In Grades 1-9, report cards will be anecdotal.** Teachers will report on prioritized curricular outcomes for religion, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. Teachers will also report on any other supplemental courses they have provided. **More information will be available after May 8, 2020, when we finalize our assessment guidelines.**

**In Grades 10-12, report cards will incorporate grades with enhanced comments.** Any student “on track” to complete a course as of March 16, will be awarded credit for that course. **More information will be available after May 8, 2020, when we finalize our assessment guidelines.**

Thank you for your understanding once again in these ever-changing times!

Yours in Catholic Education,

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