

SIENNA CAMPUS
COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update
May 1, 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to May! I would never have imagined entering the last month of school this way. We have gotten familiar with the distance learning and packet pickups on Fridays. I really appreciate all the work and effort from students, parents, and teachers in finishing the school year on a high note. Here is some information about our last three weeks of school:

School Year Winding Down - While distance learning has gone relatively smoothly over the past six weeks, we know that everyone is getting mentally fatigued. Everyone is really missing the fun social activities that happen in the last few weeks of school: track and field days, school plays, extra recess to enjoy the weather, etc. We are going to take this into consideration as we begin to wind down over the next three weeks. We want to continue to provide strong academics but this needs to be balanced with the emotional challenges that COVID-19 has brought to everyone. Please contact your teacher if you have any concerns as we wrap up our school year.

Staffing Changes for 2020-2021 - Our teachers are such a huge part of what makes DSA so special. As we look forward to the 2020-2021 school year, there will be some staffing changes. **Miss Rachel Riediger** will be leaving at the end of the school year to get married in July. While we are certainly sad to see her leave, we are thankful for her years of service to the DSA family. We pray that the Lord blesses Miss Riediger and her fiance Brad Bender as they start their next phase of life in Michigan.

This past week **Pastor Bivens** announced that he has accepted a position to teach at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI. This school serves as a pastoral center for all of the churches in our church body. While we are sad to see the Bivens family leave us, we know that his work there will be instrumental in shaping future generations of pastors. Our staff and school family are very appreciative for their service and friendship these past 11 years.

The School Council and Divine Savior Church will continue to meet to fill these open positions in our academy and congregation. We know that the Lord will provide us with qualified candidates to continue his work in Texas.

High School Feasibility Study - Even in the midst of COVID-19, school leadership has continued its work on preparing the final proposal for the Divine Savior Ministries Governing Board. In the coming days, the board will look at the proposal to determine if DSM time and resources can be used to assist us in the launching of a high school in the 2021-2022 school year. Please keep these leaders in your prayers as they weigh this very exciting opportunity for our campus.

Our continued prayers go out to you and your families. We miss your children and look forward to the day we will all be back together on campus! We close with the following prayer:

God, you are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. We ask for your blessing on our state and our school family as our state begins to reopen. Please continue to keep us healthy and safe trusting that you are in ultimate control of all things. We ask for your continued blessings

on the future plans for our academy. Thank you for both Miss Riediger and the Bivens over the years and bless them as they continue to serve You in new places. Bless our school family as we begin to look forward to the conclusion of our school year and do all things to your glory. We pray this in your Son's name. Amen.

Blessings,

The DSA Administration