



ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE

HOME OF THE KNIGHTS SINCE 1960

Monday, May 4th, 2020

Dear STMC Students and Parents,

Sitting my office at the school (Hans) Solo this morning wearing my Storm Trooper T-Shirt and my Star Wars Socks... I can't resist the urge to say **#MayThe4thBeWithYou**. We hope that all of you – and all you hold near and dear - are well and in good spirits!

A few updates as we begin week six of our Remote Teaching & e-Learning Plan...

Several Highlighted Additions:

1. On **Wednesday May 6th, 2020** during our Community time, we will be hosting a **Pandemic Rosary** at 1:00pm for all members of our community to participate in.

Pope Francis encouraged the faithful to pray the Rosary throughout the month of May. In a April 25th letter, he said *“contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial.”* In place of the mysteries, this Rosary includes a prayer for the suffering and dying, a prayer for the workers, a prayer for gratitude, a prayer for understanding, and a prayer for courage.

Please join us during our Community Time this Wednesday (May 6th, 2020) at 1pm using the following Google Meet Link:

meet.google.com/sjy-bttp-xjs

2. Addition of a **Prayer Section on the STMC Website**
Please check out the front page of our website for a database of prayers to assist us during this time. We will also be adding special prayers written by our students to offer hope, gratitude and prayerful intentions.

Future Masses & Community Celebrations (Livestreamed Events)

- **Mother's Day Mass: Wednesday, May 13th at 12:30pm** – STMC Alum, Father Gary Franken will be the celebrant
- **Graduation '20 Mass: Thursday, May 28th @ (Time TBA)** – STMC Alum, Father Nick Miesl will be the celebrant
- **STMC Night of Knights: Wednesday June 10th, 2020** – This is our annual celebration of student contribution to our school and community...
- **Graduation 2020: Wednesday, June 24th @ (Time TBA)** – Lots of discussions/planning... We hope to be able to share details soon!



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We hope that you will be able to join us for our daily prayers each morning at 9:30am, as well as for our upcoming school masses and community celebrations.

Mental Health & Wellness Updates

The latest installment of our **Wellness Break (Episode 4)** presentation, *Gratitude*, can be viewed using the following [\(link\)](#).

Our Personal Counsellors would also like to remind to our students that if they would like to schedule a time to chat with either of our personal counsellors – Mr. DeLazzari, Mrs. De Lazzari, and (*back from Maternity Leave*) Ms. Danielle Lowe – that you please send them an email (steve.delazzari@stmc.bc.ca ; patricia.delazzari@stmc.bc.ca ; danielle.lowe@stmc.bc.ca). If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any of our counsellors at the emails listed above - Parents too!

Finally, as I have asked in each of my communiques I ask that you pray for the continued good health of our Christian Brothers – Bro. Bassett, Bro. Cass, and Bro. Hugh O'Neil (STMC Alum; Former STMC Principal; and the World Head of the Christian Brothers) – as well as everyone associated with our St. Thomas More family!

God Bless & Kind Regards!

Steve Garland

Principal – STMC

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Continuing our work to connect Heads & Hearts...

Grounding *all* of our work in that which fills our soul and gives meaning to our work as a community...