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OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Happy New Year!

"He will keep your firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

(1Cor. 1:8)

This passage assures us of God's continuous friendship and support in the midst of the stressors and divisions caused by the pandemic and the country's apparent disunity. I write this letter to assure you of the Lord's faithfulness and the school's continued dedication to provide excellent teaching and a safe environment for all children. Currently, the learning taking place is remote and according to Mr. Scala, our superintendent, this teaching strategy should remain this month. I would like to remind you of the current COVID-19 policies applicable to our students:

- a) Students coming on campus will have their temperature taken contactless and may remain in school if the temperature is below 100°F
- b) Students must thoroughly and throughout the day, wash their hands with soap and water
- c) All student must wear a facial mask throughout the day
- d) Social distancing of 6 feet will be observed
- e) Students who show symptoms of a cold or a flu with coughing, having a runny nose, and body chills will have their parent or guardian contacted to take home

If your child is ill or has COVID-19 symptoms and is not logging into class, please contact the office (310-631-1320) and speak with Sister Cristina Marie, my assistant and let her know. We would be happy to add them and any other family members or friends to our prayer box if you contact us.

As you know, Los Angeles County is currently under a hot spot with regard to the rise in COVID-19 infections and increasing numbers of COVID-19 tests. I am temporarily holding off in placing waivers for students to come to school in person until this serious period improves. I am giving it three (3) weeks from the date of this letter. Please visit the school's website (ourladyofvictorycatholicsschool.org) for a letter from the superintendent and the director of the county's department of public health. In February I plan on placing the waiver for you all to read and download and if you agree, sign and submit to the school within one week (5 days). Once gathered, authorized waivers will be sent to the Department of Catholic Schools for archdiocesan approval. At the same time, I would have sent OLV's plan on our COVID-19 protocols and have that signed off by faculty, staff, and parish administration. We will wait until approval is granted by the county department of public health.

A great means of support to our school is the effort you all put in to participate in our fundraising activities. I would like to thank all of you who participated in the sales of raffle tickets for the parish and school. The drawing took place on December 12, 2020. The 1st place winner of \$20,000 was Nora Espericueta, the 2nd place winner of \$3,000 was Denisse Pulido, and Mrs. Beatriz Ramirez claimed 3rd place, \$2,000. Congratulations to you all. Our next fundraising event will be the chocolate sales with World's Finest Chocolates March 17 through April 13, 2021. Parents who opted to participate in this fundraiser, as well as parents who are participating in the school's fundraising activities this year, are encouraged to do their best. We also recognize those parents who opted not to sell raffle tickets, but double the number of chocolates. World's Finest Chocolates can be picked up in the school office on 03/17/2021. Families who opted to fundraise selling chocolates will be issued: 2 boxes for one enrolled student on contract; 3 boxes for two enrolled students on contract; and 4 boxes for three or more enrolled students on contract. Please note that once a box of chocolate is picked up, it cannot be returned. Those families who chose not to sell raffle tickets and are doubling up in the chocolates sales, will have that option respected.

Several pieces of supplementary educational material that we acquired from Compton Unified School district, through the CARES Act, is available to all of our K through 8 students. The teachers have been given professional development on the use of these workbooks and online resources. In addition to them, bags with supplies used for Art lessons online for TK through 8th can also be picked up. I encourage you to make the time and pick these instructional materials as soon as possible. They are available in the school office. As is our policy, all materials taken out for students must be signed for by parents or a designated adult; students may not sign out for these materials.

Parents of our eighth grades students are encouraged to visit the website of the many Catholic high schools, coeducational and single-gender. Please have your child and yourself take their virtual tours or Open Houses. If you wish to apply to the school, complete the application process and send Mr. Weiss, Ms. Zacarias, and yours truly the letters of recommendation for us to complete and submit to the school of your child's choice. I also encourage you to look at and consider archdiocesan high schools. If you are a recipient of a scholarship from the Catholic Educational Foundation (CEF), you may have that transferred to an archdiocesan school if your child is accepted. The scholarship value may increase as well. This will assist you with the high school tuition.

As the COVID-19 numbers are increasing in this county, please observe the "Stay Home Orders." Follow the recommendations of the county department of public health with regard to gatherings and continue to practice social distancing and wearing facial coverings. These precautions are key to our community in order to remain safe. If you are a direct first responder or healthcare worker, I would like to thank you for the sacrifice made to take care of patients; we are proud of you and respect your time and efforts. Thank you for your time and patience. I pray that God keep you all in his love and care.

I remain,

Xavier E. Jimenez
Principal