

March 20, 2020

Dear Parents,

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16) Through these words, we are reminded that Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father. Jesus, in His obedience to His Father, lived His life on earth for us. He endured temptation, yet did not sin. He endured suffering and death, yet defeated them in His resurrection. Since he endured temptations, suffering, and death, we can be bold to go to Him in our time of need. He knows our weakness. He is our strength. On our own, we are helpless. He is our Help. In these days of uncertainty, worry, anxiety, and stress we are tempted to turn inward to try to find our help. We make plans without trusting in our God who loves us dearly. We think that the current situation is the worst that has ever been without realizing how God through His Word has helped His people to endure countless tragedies and scourges in the past. We are not always faithful. God is faithful. He does not forget His promises to His people; promises of forgiveness, strength against temptation, and the sure hope of eternal life. He is faithful and we can see how He has carried His people throughout the history of mankind. “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:1-2) Let us look to Jesus. Let us read His Word. Let us encourage one another with the encouragement we receive from Jesus. Let us pray boldly according to His will. Let us put our lives in His hands because He is faithful and He loves us.

Please know that the teachers, pastors, and staff of SPI are praying for you during these uncharted times. We know that there are burdens and stresses in your lives. We ask God to help all of us through them. I want to thank SPI’s teachers who care so deeply for your children that they have worked tirelessly this week to stay connected to them. The teachers not only care that your students continue learning; they care that your children remain strong in their faith and that your families retain your trust in God.

You are your children's primary teachers. SPI's teachers are assisting you in that important role. While the teachers are providing formal assignments, you will have your own times of learning with your children. Continue to teach them life skills that will help them as they continue to mature.

The teachers have made dramatic changes in how they are helping your children with learning activities. They have been dedicated and creative. They would much rather be working with your children in person. They miss being with your children every day. They are making the best of the situation. They are trying new ways to help your children. They are doing this willingly because they love your children and love learning. Thank you for your support as the teachers work with you. As you have time, thank the teachers for their care for your children.

Yesterday, Governor Holcomb announced that school buildings will be closed through at least May 1. As you know, changes happen daily, sometimes hourly. The future is uncertain for when "normal school" will return. SPI's plan is to continue to provide for the formal education of your children with the resources that we have at our disposal. Our plan is to resume remote learning on Monday, March 30 and continuing on April 1 and 3. The following weeks will follow a similar pattern of 2 to 3 remote learning days a week. We also realize there may be changes in this plan as time progresses. We will still observe Spring Break March 23-27.

As I wrote above, the future seems uncertain. Yet, our God does not change. He continues to love and care for us. We may not clearly see all that He is doing for us now, but in time we will see. Jesus has done all that is necessary for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. He is faithful, good, and always loving.

May God bless and keep you always in His loving hands and may we live fully trusting Him.

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