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My dear St. Raphael School parents,

We find ourselves in uncharted territory, and I must begin by thanking you for your spirit of cooperation and collaboration. Your positive spirit and words of gratitude go a long way to making our teachers' extra hours and increased workload feel noticed and appreciated. Thank you!

Our goal is to achieve a balance in our approach that respects the increased demands you are feeling at home while ensuring that we achieve the necessary educational milestones for your child to move to the next academic level with confidence. To meet these goals, we will be communicating regularly and counting on you to participate in our surveys so we can adjust instruction and expectations to better serve our students. We are using a combination of live instruction (which will be available to view later if there are technology limitations in your home), independent online work, as well as work that is pen and paper or research. Our teachers are attempting to create opportunities to come together as a school family to share—joys and worries. There is nothing too mundane to bring to the meeting. What has been uplifting is the amount of laughter that I am hearing! Keep it up! We will get through this and look back on these days as an opportunity to stretch.

Each day is opening with prayer. As we pray together, we lift up our leaders and our loved ones. We pray for those who are caring for the sick. We pray for those who are most in need of our prayers. We pray for each other, and we pray for ourselves. These are challenging times, but we are in it together. May God bless us, and may we be together soon.

Thank you! I am proud of how you are honoring the restrictions being asked of us. We can do this!

We are St. Raphael!

Sincerely,

Teri Dwyer  
Principal

