

# ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL

Circular - June 05, 2020

DEAR PARENTS,

**1. Prayer for peace, safety and hope-filled school community**

I hope and pray that this communication finds you happy, healthy and secured. Corona Virus Disease (Covid-19) locked us in for almost 75 days. All these long days, we have been consistently searching for light of hope. Hope does not disappoint or deceive us. Hope gives us courage and vision. St. Francis School has been a beacon of hope in its own way to your children during these 75 days and will continue to be so. I pray that we all be blessed with peace, safety and remain a hope-filled school community.

**2. School Re-opening**

Government has proposed a tentative date for reopening of schools. However, the dates will be finalised after getting feedback from all stakeholders including parents. The opinion from all stakeholders, including parents will be collected before finalizing the date for reopening the school. Your opinion is important as re-opening the schools in the present situation is a collective decision and responsibility of our government, school management and parent community for the welfare and safety of school/student community. You will be informed about how you can give your feedback/opinion regarding the same.

**3. New Admission**

The admission process will begin from June 8, for the Academic Year 2020-2021. School office is open from 9. 00 am to 2. 00 pm. Parents are requested to wear face masks while entering school campus. Parents can come and collect textbooks from the school after June 08.

**4. Online Learning**

To ensure that the children are engaged with academics, “*online learning*” for Classes V to X is going on. The School desires a serious intervention of parents in monitoring and motivating the children to keep themselves engaged with academics. I request you to kindly realize that our TEACHERS are investing time and energy to take care of our student’s academics.

**5. THANK YOU TEACHERS**

I congratulate Ms. Joyita Bhatt, our Academic Facilitator and the TEACHERS for the trouble they take in reaching out themselves to our children in this unprecedented situation. I know it is not easy for them to take care of our children being in their own home environment. They do it willingly and joyfully, forgetting their own personal and family challenges, because they want to be beacon of hope to your child even at this time of uncertainties. For St. Francis School, our TEACHERS are the backbone of the school. We support and stand by our teachers as long as their actions are justified.

**6. Our Promise**

There may be children whose parents don't have smart phones or internet facilities at home. They may be missing the online sessions given by the teachers. Children should not worry if they are not accessible to online learning. Please be patient and I PROMISE that separate sessions will be conducted by the teachers for such children, once the school is re-opened. Our children are not only physical beings; they are also emotional, intellectual, spiritual beings. Parents are requested to pay attention to these important aspects of life.

#### **7. Counselling & Guidance**

St. Francis School does not want leave you and your children alone during this precarious situation. We want journey with your kids and be attentive to the emotional, intellectual, and spiritual aspects of their life in the best of our abilities during this month of June too. If you think you need to talk to us along with your child, you may kindly contact the school office for an appointment.

#### **8. A Loving Request to our Children**

Dear children, as long as we are haunted by Covid-19, we require to keep physical distance. Hence, during the month of June too you need to remain home-bound to save lives. I am seriously concerned about what you are doing with the textbooks of the year already in your hands. Do not spend your precious time in vain but spend time in reading, writing, and speaking. Every child must become a teacher for himself/herself. A child who becomes master of his acts and repeated learning activities in which he has been engaged, is a child who becomes a successful adult in life. Time has taught you again to become '*self-responsible*', '*self-directed*' and '*self-motivated in life*'. Your parents are not able to be at your side always as they are engrossed between work and life responsibilities. I can ask your parents only to have a daily "connect" time with their child.

#### **9. School Fees**

The school is well aware that many of you are deprived of your regular sources of income, as business and establishments are badly hit due to the pandemic, Covid 19. Many of us are expecting an inevitable financial crisis including our school. The School Management has decided not to hike the School Fees for the Academic Year 2020-21 and we will be rolling back the hiked fees to that of the Academic Year of 2019 -20. The school will not charge any transportation fee for non-working days.

#### **10. Prayerful Greetings**

Be sure of my prayers for you and your families for God's continuous care and protection from illness and despair. I look forward to your continued support and patronage. Wishing you peace, good health and optimism! May the Lord give us peace!

Brother Sanil Tharayil  
Principal