

March 23, 2020

Dear Families,

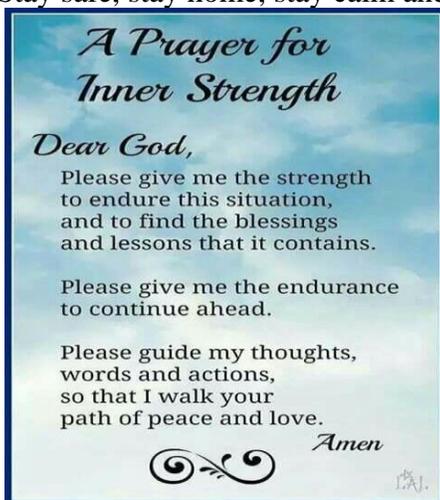
I pray that this finds you safe and healthy during a time in our world that we are all attempting to navigate. I hope that you and your loved ones have been able to bunker down in your home and are finding means to manage this new reality that we are all adjusting to. I write this on behalf of the St. Theresa staff who are thinking of you all and missing the students dearly. We have been keeping all families in our thoughts and prayers.

In the coming weeks we will do our best to support you and your children in their learning and their well-being. In order to support students, the province has put out this resource: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-at-home> Locally, Board personnel is meeting consistently to create plans for further support. More information will come. Classroom teachers will be in touch with all of you soon as we determine the best online platform for communicating (e.g. Twitter accounts, email, D2L, etc.). In the meantime, there is no substitute for daily reading, writing, math fluency and exploration. Please be patient while learning at home. There is a lot of anxiety in these uncertain times and children pick up on that too. Have fun with your children. Let them take the lead in what they are interested in and find ways to extend those interests. Talk about them. Write about them. Read more about them! Parents and caregivers are not expected to teach everything that would be done at school.

If you have not yet done so I urge you to sign up for email subscriptions to our school and board websites as that is how our District communicates. Our school website also enables you to see our Twitter account if you do not follow Twitter. Twitter will also be a platform that will be used to highlight various learning opportunities that are out there for families to access.

If you know of any families who may not be able to access technology, I ask that you advise us as soon as possible. Additionally, above all, if you know any families who need anything during these difficult times please let us know that as well. It is important to stay connected with one another. Our St. Theresa Family is one that sticks together and supports one another as we have been guided to do so by our Catholic faith.

Stay safe, stay home, stay calm and be well. Leaving you with a short prayer-



Sincerely,

Mrs. Kerri Chartrand (Principal) on behalf of the St. Theresa Staff



