

**Message from the Principal:**

I would like to take this time to summarize what we have accomplished over the past few weeks.

Thank you to all of the St. Michael's Catholic Academy community for the hard work, dedication, and commitment to our children. This is especially for the parents whom I have seen on ZOOM sessions assisting their children while caring for younger children. On behalf of the teachers I thank you for continuing our partnership in the education of your children.

From Google Classroom and Classroom DoJo we needed to make adjustments to accommodate Distance Learning. There has been much discussion and meetings among the teachers to make this effective and manageable for all families. All classes are now using Google Classroom but using DoJo as a means of communication for grades K-3. Live lessons are integrated within these plans and attendance during the live lessons is increasing. Thank you! We are still assisting the primary grade (K-2) students and parents. Please continue to contact the classroom teacher, Ms. Janett, or Sr. Bin Lin (Mary) for assistance. We will work with each individual need.

The important updates are:

- Tuition, Re-registration, and registration fees are still being collected. Many parents have asked where to send payments being the school is closed. These are the options:
  1. Mail the payments in the envelope enclosed to SMCA. Mail is being forwarded to Ms. Jeri's home.
  2. You can mail the payment to Ms. Jeri Zappitielli  
29-29 211Street  
Bayside, NY 11360
  3. Credit Card payments are still being accepted. Please email Ms. Jeri at: [zappitiellij@yahoo.com](mailto:zappitiellij@yahoo.com).
  4. Online payments are accepted. Please see the school website for information.

As we enter our fourth week of distance learning, I ask all students and parents to remember the importance of daily routine. This is a challenge for homes where there are more than one child attending class and in need of available devices. Always keep communication open with the classroom teacher and with me.

We have had several challenges these past few weeks and we have been working through them as they arise. However, we are dedicated to providing the best education for your child

as always-face to face or online. This week I am happy to say that Speech, OT, and SETSS for children with IEPs have begun. We are waiting for the final arrangements for Title I services in ESL, Math, and Reading to begin.

As we enter the final weeks of the Lenten Season, and prepare for Holy Week, we will be posting opportunities for families to participate in prayer and in Mass.