



SVdP  
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Strong!

Dear SVdP Parents,

To say this year has started off with a bang would be an understatement. School was off to a great start, but then we all were thrown off track by the tragedy of Hurricane Harvey. We as a parish have faced some of our most difficult challenges and losses in our over 75 year history. The past is the past, so now we are moving forward toward a very successful remainder of the school year.

This year, more than ever, we are hoping that our community can serve as a point of connection with one another. This is a time to rally around our parish, our school, and our community, to recover and heal from the impacts of Harvey. SVdP is an extraordinary Catholic family. Our parish and school families are loving, giving, compassionate, and serving people.

As we transition into what we will call “the temporary new normal” I will restart my Wednesday weekly letter to parents and the Friday school wide weekly newsletter. The Friday newsletter will update you on events, changes in schedules and the status of our reconstruction process.

Some items to note this week:

- All school mass will be held on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> for PK-8<sup>th</sup> grades at 8:15 AM.
- The library is closed until further notice due to water damage.
- All deadlines for quizzes and tests have been extended check Renweb for more information.
- Wednesday, September 20, 2017, is an **early release (PK-1 @ 2:05 PM, 2-8 @ 2:15 PM)**.
- Sports will resume shortly, we are in the process of trying to reschedule most missed games.
- After school activities are postponed until further notice.
- Look for Annual Fund updates.

I would like to give special thanks to all the parents and families who helped clean up the school, the parish and the family center after the storm. They stood strong as a community, giving to those in need, even if they themselves needed help. You are an example to your children as we strive to build disciples for Christ. You are the heroes! Your selflessness in a time of need will not be forgotten. We are SVdP Strong and growing better each day.

God bless you all,

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