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Dear All Saints Families,

Some of you have had questions regarding tuition for this year and our current situation of remote learning with virtual classrooms. This letter serves to aid in answering some of those questions. All Saints Academy charges an annual tuition. That tuition is a set amount which remains constant despite snow days, emergencies, and/or length of time in school. The school's budget is based on that tuition income and is approved by the Board of Trustees. We do not receive public funding from the town, state, or federal government to subsidize this budget, nor do we receive financial assistance from the Diocese.

Tuition pays for the teachers' salaries and the programming we offer our students. Those same teachers are continuing to work hard bringing lessons and instruction to their students during this unprecedented crisis.

With small business closures and the state's stay-in-place advisory, I understand this is hard on parents. It is hard on all of us. But we will continue to offer our educational services, teaching all our children, and attempt to maintain at the very least a sense of community and routine for all our families, faculty and staff.

In that regard, ASA will be holding one last student book/material pick-up event at the elementary campus tomorrow, Tuesday, March 31 between 4:00-5:00pm for grades 1-8. Please respect these times – no one should be arriving early and waiting for teachers. We need to stay safe, as do you. Parents can swing through the parking lot to their child/ren's respective teacher, and they will put the material in your trunk. Please pop it open for them as you pull up. We will continue to practice physical distancing. Mrs. Raps will be representing the 4th grade team, as I am unable to attend.

Lastly, attached to this VE is a link to the letter the Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has just sent out to public schools. Catholic and other private schools do not need to precisely adhere to these guidelines, as we operate independently of state funding. However, administrators in the Diocese of Worcester continue to meet regularly (virtually) together with the Superintendent to discuss these recommendations, how they apply to us, and what policies we will be following as a diocese. Information will be sent out as soon as a general consensus has been reached.

We cannot predict what will happen in the days and weeks ahead, but we will stay the course, believing and trusting that God will provide. If you have additional questions, please send an email to Mrs. Tagg at etagg@allsaintswebster.org, or me at headofschool@allsaintswebster.org.

Yours in Christ,

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