



March 22, 2020

Dear St. Matthew School Families,

First, let me express my gratitude to the entire St. Matthew School Community. This past week of *distant learning* has been challenging and exciting as we have all learned new skills and worked in new surroundings. As we start our second week, we all have a better understanding of what to expect and how to make the virtual classroom more successful. Your continued communication, patience and support will help achieve success for all our students at St. Matthew School.

Bristol Public Schools will begin *distant learning* on Monday, March 30, 2020. In collaboration with the Bristol Board of Education, the Office of Education, Evangelization, and Catechesis as well as Father Dietrich, St. Matthew School will extend our current plans for *distant learning* until April 13, 2020, which will be the beginning of Spring Break for both Bristol Public Schools and St. Matthew School.

If you would like to come to the school for your children's books, the school will be open on **Tuesday (March 24th) and Wednesday (March 25th)** between the hours of 9-11AM. Remember that students are not allowed in the school, so please make appropriate arrangements.

Finally, although the physical school will remain closed for the next few weeks, please know we are striving to maintain a robust and successful school environment for our students. Your teachers are available to you as they would if we were in the classroom. Please contact them if you have any questions or concerns. If you need additional assistance with anything, please call the school and leave a message on our voicemail or email me at: htreacy@smsct.org.

Take extra care of yourselves and we hope to see you back in school soon!

Thank you and God bless,

Helen Treacy
Principal