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Dear SCA Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your support and prayers during this unprecedented time. At SCA, we continue to clean like we have never cleaned before; our goal is to send home children with excellent cleaning skills. We are, of course, taking the situation very seriously and following all protocols set out by Manitoba Health.

On Friday afternoon, March 13, government health and education officials announced that effective Monday, March 23, classes will be suspended for students across Manitoba until Friday, April 10. SCA is scheduled to resume in-school classes on Tuesday, April 14, following Easter Monday. This was a proactive measure taken to flatten the curve and the potential spread of COVID-19. All school-level staff will continue to work the week before spring break and the week after to help prepare plans that students can use to continue their education over the break, as well as to prepare the school for students' return on April 14. If and when specific dates change, or more information becomes available, we will pass it on to you.

All school activities before and after school are cancelled until further notice, with the exception of before and after school programming while classes are still in our building. In addition, our Gr 4-6 Marketplace, Gr 1-3 Garage Sale, and Youth Parliament are postponed indefinitely. We support you if you choose to keep your child home this week; we will have to take attendance, but absences will not affect Jr/Sr High exam exemptions. If you chose to keep your child home, please email Liz (lraposo@springs.ca) or Angie (ahansen@springs.ca).

Our Elementary Student Progress conversations are being cancelled. Please send an email to your child's teacher if you would still like to have a phone meeting and they will set up a time with you.

As a school, we are putting together detailed SCA distance education plans for your child to complete at home. These are meant to serve as guidelines and help your child continue their education from home so they do not miss out on learning. If you have any question about the materials, you are more than welcome to email your child's teacher for guidance. Some materials will be provided through hard copy and some will be on-line. Because this is a mandate from the government and our staff will continue to work by providing your child with SCA distance education, there will be no tuition rebates.

We want to mitigate the risk to our faculty and student body, therefore we request that if anyone in your family returns from international travel we are asking you to self-quarantine for symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or difficulty breathing) for 14 days after returning to Canada.

We understand that this will be a disruption to our regular routines. We want to remind you that we are walking in faith and wisdom. I would like to highly recommend that you print out and post the attached verses around your home. [verse posters.pdf](#) I encourage you to speak them together as a family each day. I think we could all use the daily reminder that we serve a big God. As our school theme reminds us, we are Spirit Empowered. God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7) and by His stripes we are healed (1 Peter 2:24).

Thank you for partnering with us,

Kim Fuller
Principal