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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We trust that you are having a good spring break. We encourage you to take some time to relax and have some fun with your family. Attached is a link from Pastor Leon, [Raising Fearless Children](#). We thought you might find it helpful in parenting during this time of uncertainty for your children.

To all of our SCA family members who are essential workers, we want to take a moment and thank you for all that you are doing for us. We pray health and wholeness over you as you work. We pray that you can be a light and God speaks through you in your place of work.

Today we received confirmation from the Education Minister, Kelvin Goertzen, that the government has suspended the school year indefinitely. The Health Minister also stated that if the threat has been nullified, there is an opportunity for school to return before the year-end. Though we cannot be sure, we are hopeful that we will be able to return before the end of the school year. We trust our government to make the best decisions in ensuring that our communities continue to stay safe for all. [Here](#) is a link to the official statements from Education Minister, Kelvin Goertzen, and our Premier, Brian Pallister.

For us, this means that as a school we will be continuing to provide SCA Distance Learning programs. There is a lot of talk provincially around the idea that students will miss out on learning through this situation and how it will affect next year's learning. We will endeavour to ensure that the fundamentals of each subject are taught and that the impact on learning is as minimal as possible.

We are focussing on learning and less on marks. As stated by the minister, marks will remain the same as the last official day of classes, March 20th. Students will have the opportunity to improve their marks, however, the marks will not be negatively affected. We encourage all students to continue learning to the best of their ability under the circumstances and ask that you please continue to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions related to their learning. We will continue to offer the best education we can, using what we have.

As information becomes available, we will continue to update you with important information and implications for your family.

We want to remind you about the importance of taking the time to spend in God's Word, as this is where our focus should be. Take a moment and read this next passage to yourself and allow God's peace to settle in.

*"Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:5-9*

What a beautiful reminder of the power found in the Word of God. As we read God's Word we feel that peace that rests deep inside. I feel thankful. I have attached those scripture posters we sent a while back as well, just in case someone needs them. [Posters](#)

Thank you for your continued support for our school and staff during this difficult time. We are so proud of our staff; they have worked and continue to work very hard to provide the absolute best SCA Distance Learning that they can.

Blessings,

Kim Fuller and Wesley Meyer