



ST. VINCENT de PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Building Faith, Knowledge, & Spirit*



Dear Parents,

The last two weeks have been tumultuous ones to say the least. I pray that you are all doing well. Thanks to some amazing volunteers we are still projected to reopen school on Monday September 11, 2017. It is quite a turn-around for us to be able to do this in a relative short period of time given the damage to the primary building and Apostolic Center. I am in awe of that army of volunteers who so generously gave their time to help get us to this point. It is a true testament to the strength of this great community. We must all continue to minister to each and remember that God is always with us even in our darkest moments.

Pre-K and K have moved into the MJFC and the teachers are working hard to prepare the new classrooms for the students' arrival. There is much to do. The gym will remain filled with materials for the immediate future. We hope to open a portion of it for use in the coming weeks.

Harvey has impacted families in a variety of ways. Even though you may not have taken on water, each and every one has been touched in some way. Counselors are prepared to support our children and their family in whatever way is needed.

Some financial help is available. Please contact me directly at [csears@svdp-edu.org](mailto:csears@svdp-edu.org) to discuss how we can assist you. Each request will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and consideration of individual needs and circumstances.

A letter outlining specific changes in routine is being compiled. We are trying to capture all the details of this large operation. I will send this information as soon as I have all the details. Nothing will be changed unless it is absolutely necessary. Please be patient and remember we are in a temporary situation and we will get through this by everyone working together.

Remember that the entire Apostolic Center, which includes church and school offices, along with 11 classrooms are unavailable at this time. Every available dry space is being used. Many are being asked to share space.

Five school days have been waived by the state and I will be writing for a waiver for the four school days we have missed this week. In the event that my request is denied we will make up the days during the year, not at the end of school.

More communication to follow.

Yours in Christ,

Carolyn Sears, M.Ed.