"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." Philippians 4:6-7

Dear Intermediate Parents,

Thank you for a great first week of Remote Learning. Though we would all rather be back in school, learning and enjoying each other in person, we feel confident that we are making the right choices to keep ourselves and our community safe and healthy.

Attached you will find a detailed Remote Learning Guide for this new phase. Here are the salient points and some reminders that the teachers and I offer. Our partnership in this venture is an important one, and we are relying on parents and other adults at home to help keep our Remote Learning environment a productive one.

- In this second phase of our Remote Learning Plan, to take effect on Monday, March 23rd, we are increasing the frequency of connections between students and teachers. At the same time, we still believe that looking at a computer screen for an entire school day is not healthy. To that end, you will find that many teachers will conduct classes for the duration of a class period, many will only use part of a class period, and some will simply check-in to make a connection and be certain that the students know what the independent assignment is for the day. Please continue to refer to each teacher’s portal for more specific instructions.

- We’ve modified the daily bell schedule to allow more time for the girls to stand, stretch, or take a bathroom break between classes. Students are expected to connect to their classes by the start time. It is not a flexible schedule. The new times can be found on the attached Remote Learning Guide.

- We have also updated the Schedule Day calendar to reflect canceled activities. The next few weeks are visible on the attached Remote Learning Guide.

- Taking time for espacio. At the end of this letter, you will find the language we use for espacio during our Intermediate Assemblies. Please help your daughter remember that espacio is an opportunity for her to pray and listen to the voice of God inside her. She can go outside, breathe in fresh, clean air and take a few minutes to pray.

- Please make sure that she has a space at home, free of distractions, to set up her computer. A desk or a table is more appropriate than in bed. Students may wear any appropriate clothing while participating in remote learning classes. Please help us make sure that students are ready for learning at an appropriate space in your home.

- Remote Learning Don’ts:
  - Do not stay in bed in your PJs to attend online classes.
  - Do not text with friends on other devices during class time.
  - Do not arrive late to your scheduled classes.

- Now that we have opened access to the students to connect via their camera to Google Meet, students have discovered that they can do this on their own. This is neither good, nor bad... as we’ve noticed, they crave connection. Any Google Meet that is accessed outside the class time is not supervised by a teacher. Please be aware and supervise the students while they are not in class to ensure they are treating each other with respect.

- As the days progress, some teachers may opt to use another venue like Zoom, to meet. Teachers will instruct their students directly about these expectations, and how to find the link to connect.
Lastly, please remember that we are all here to work with you to make this a positive and enriching experience for our students. We ask for your flexibility and welcome your feedback. Should you need any assistance along the way, you can always reach out to me (hgillingham@carrollton.org) or to our Technology Support Team (support@carrollton.org) who stand ready to support you.

Many blessings,
Heather

Intermediate School Remote Learning Guide - Phase II.pdf

Introduction to Espacio: “Your soul is the home of God inside you. In your heart and soul, God speaks to you in silence where words cannot be found. Please sit quietly, while you take a moment to listen to the voice of Jesus inside you.”