Dear 6th grade Families,

I am pleased to be a part of Phase 2 of Distance Learning at Holy Redeemer School. I have been so grateful for the support you have shown as we navigate new ways to learn and teach. Thank you.

As Principal Fernandez stated in her letter from 3/26/2020, starting Monday we will begin Phase 2 of our Distance Learning Plan, which will consist of a structured educational program. Your students have done an amazing job adjusting to education at home. I have been impressed with both the timeliness and quality of work received. I realize that this dedication and great attitude begins at home, so thank you for that also.

Moving forward I will be meeting with students on Zoom several times per week for English and Literature. We will use the 6th grade Literature and Grammar books as well as online resources such as powerpoints, videos, and YouTube video recaps. I will post any links to the homework website. We will also continue use IXL, although not with the frequency of Phase 1. Assessments will be based on Zoom discussions, online resources provided, book work reviewed in our virtual classes and may take the form of quizzes, homework, or project-based assignments with rubrics. Assignments can be submitted using email, with either a photo or a scanned document. I am available by email weekdays until 3:30 if there are questions.

As I learn new tools, if I come across other platforms that help to structure and support our learning, we can incorporate those. I will give plenty of notice and instruction if we introduce something else. I am currently learning Edmodo to see if this resource might be useful too since some of you are already familiar with it.

Please make sure that you and your student check the homework website daily. I recommend checking after 4:30 so that you can plan for the next day. All teachers are posting information by 4:30 each day. I will update homework assignments daily and post all Zoom invitations on the homework website (no more email invitations). If you miss a Zoom lesson, a recap of the daily lesson will be posted to the homework website either as a video link or written instruction. We are very aware that you are also working and want to make sure that we streamline the process as much as possible.

I will continue to pray daily for all my students and their families.

Thank you,

Mrs. Popil