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Dear St. Michael's Parents and Families,

Thank you for your continued patience and care as we continue with distance learning. As planned, we will remain in distance-learning mode through Thursday, December 17. Friday, December 18, remains a planning day for faculty.

COVID transmission locally, statewide, and nationally and the predictions for it to worsen considerably in the coming months have all of us concerned about our own health and safety and about the feasibility of a seamless transition back to campus after the Christmas-New Year break. **To that end, of clarifying our initial plans for January, I will communicate with more detail this coming week.**

With the current transition back home, the anxiety of COVID, and the growing prospects of remaining in this mode into the new year, our collective stress as a community is real. We have all had to face countless unforeseen and unwelcomed challenges at home, with work and school and family life compressed in many ways into one.

Please consider tuning in to the **SAES webinar for parents** this coming **Tuesday, December 8, from 5:00-6:00 p.m.** I anticipate that this hour on Tuesday will be well worth your time, and that it will provide at least something of value to us as parents as we do our level best to balance our lives at home.

This virtual event is open to all parents whose children attend SAES schools and will be hosted, as noted in my email from last week, by Drs. Rob Evans and Michael Thompson. The webinar will focus on parenting in this stressful time. I've had the pleasure of working with and hearing Rob present, and I've read a selection of books by both speakers.

In confirming your attendance, [please register here](#) if you have yet to do so; costs are covered for SMS families, but registration is required. For those who cannot attend the live event on Tuesday, I will provide a recording for all SMS families. I hope to see some of you, many of you, on Tuesday.

### **Health Reminders Now and for Break**

Please continue adherence to the common-sense mitigation measures for your and your family's health and the health of all: physical distancing, masking, and hand hygiene. And please remember that the City of Tucson and Pima County continue to provide cost-free, efficient, and effective COVID testing for residents; you can locate sites and schedule an appointment [here](#).

If you have any health concerns or questions regarding anyone in your family, please contact Mrs. Erika Huff, R.N., our School Nurse, immediately, at [ehuff@stmichael.net](mailto:ehuff@stmichael.net).

As I continue to emphasize, no one takes lightly the transition back to distance learning. The complexities in doing so are enormous, for all of you at home and for our teachers. Through all of it, thank you for your continued understanding and patience, and for your love and care for the students, staff, and families of St. Michael's.

Sincerely,  
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