Dear Grace Academy Families,

*“For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So we may boldly say:*

*‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear.’” Hebrews 13:5*

In these uncertain times, remember to abide in the One who is always certain, always dependable, and always present in every circumstance. He is the one who brings us through the “valley of the shadow of death” unto the bright light of His glory. I pray you find the rest and peace you need in Him today.

Thank you for your continual cooperation during this unprecedented time. I want to update you regarding a few details for the weeks ahead:

* **Governor Wolf extended the mandatory school closure through Monday, April 6.** It is possible that the closure could be extended beyond that date. As more information is shared, I will keep you up-to-date.
* **Teachers are preparing additional instructional plans for you through Wednesday, April 8 (in case we are not back in session that week),** which will be distributed by the end of this week.
* **Elementary students will only receive 4 days’ worth of lesson plans per week.**
  + Plans for this Friday will be moved to next Monday, March 30.
  + Next Monday’s plans will be moved to Tuesday, March 31.
  + Teachers will still have office hours M-F.
* **Grandparent’s Day on Thursday, April 9 – postponed (until later this year if possible)**
  + If we are NOT back at school by this date, this will be an additional day off for students. (Teachers will still have office hours this day.)
  + If we are back at school, this will be a FULL DAY for Kindergarten and Elementary. We will still have some sort of Easter Celebration.
* **Achievement Testing has been cancelled.**PDE has cancelled all mandatory state testing (PSSA, Keystone) due to the COVID-19 situation. When we do return to school, it would be better to use that time for instructional teaching than for testing.
* **Weekly Checkpoints –** Each Monday, beginning next Monday, March 30, please drop off completed assignments from the previous weeks at school between 9:30am-10:30am. This will be a “drive thru” format so parents can stay in their vehicles if preferred. The purpose of these checkpoints is:
  + Parents can submit completed work for the teachers to review, grade, and provide feedback to parents.
  + Parents can pick up additional work for home.
  + To collect the 3rd Quarter reports cards/progress reports.
  + If at any point the governor extends the “stay home” requirement to York County, parents will need to send work to the teachers (via email, texts – whatever is arranged with the teacher) and all future assignments will need to be emailed to parents.

***\*\*Parents will NOT be required to enter the building. We can distribute work to you using a “drive thru” process at the front door.***

* **Field Trip Cancellations**:
  + Rabbit Transit (Preschool) – cancelled
  + Rutter’s (Kindergarten) – cancelled
  + Martin’s/Snyder’s Factory Tours - cancelled
* Teachers will be in touch with you about **parent/teacher conferences.**

If the mandatory school closure is further extended, I will update you on how that impacts our school as it relates to events, field trips, and long-term plans for continued learning, which could include extending the school year into June to make up for missed school days.

May the Lord’s grace and peace be upon you today. We will come through this together! May we be able to look back on this time and see how it not only added to our faith, but also see how God was able to use us to minister the needs of those around us to strengthen their faith in Him as well!