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Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families happy and healthy! I know that this has been a difficult time, and I would like you to know that the students and families of St. Catharine's are in my heart and my prayers! I truly miss seeing each of the children at school, and I hope that they are spending their days learning, playing, exploring, and enjoying their time with you.

I am reaching out to touch base regarding a few nursing related updates pertaining to this school year. Unfortunately, along with everyone else's, some of my plans were cut short due to the abrupt closing of school. I regret that I was not able to complete vision screenings for all of our fourth graders this spring. Time only allowed me to complete screenings for about half of the class. My plan is to begin next year's screenings with the students that were unable to be screened this year. I will be contacting parents of students who either were not screened, or who may have struggled with the screening within the next week or so. If you have not heard from me regarding either of these points by June 5, 2020, you can assume that your child was screened for vision issues and has passed this basic screening. That being said, if your child is having vision related problems, please contact his or her doctor. This basic screening is not intended to replace a medical evaluation by a doctor if warranted. Please, of course, feel free to contact me if you have any specific questions regarding this matter. Also, heights and weights were measured earlier in the year, and your child's BMI (Body Mass Index) was calculated. I had planned to send these results home by mail because of the sensitivity of results (rather than home in folders); but given the circumstances, I prefer not to add to the circulation of physical mail at this time. If you have questions regarding your child's BMI results, please feel free to contact me via email.

Here's a break for you...there are no required dental or physical forms due upon entry into fifth grade! I do, of course, encourage you to maintain routine physical and dental well visits for your child as the current situation allows. Please keep in mind that any routine well visit to your child's pediatrician occurring after **July 1, 2020** will fulfill your child's **sixth grade** physical exam requirement. As always, physical and dental forms can be printed directly from the SCS website.

Please continue to check the "Nurse's Corner" on our school website, as well as the page dedicated to your child's grade for updates throughout the summer. Also, please feel free to contact me via email at any time with any questions or concerns that you may have.

I wish you and your child a very *happy, healthy, and carefree* summer! I look forward to seeing all of you again very soon! Until then, please be well and take good care of yourselves and each other.

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