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Dear Sixth 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 have truly missed seeing each of the students at school, and I hope that you have all been enjoying your time at home together, despite the circumstances.

I am just reaching out to touch base on some 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 our sixth graders this spring. 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.

Looking ahead to next school year, all students in Pennsylvania are required to have received their Tdap and MCV vaccines upon entry into seventh grade, or to submit a signed waiver indicating a medical or ethical reason for not doing so. I am attaching a link to a website with a list of required vaccines to this letter for your reference. Most of our sixth graders have already received these vaccines as indicated on their sixth grade physical forms. I will contact you individually if I have not yet received this information regarding your child.

It is also required that students submit a dental form in the beginning of their seventh grade year. Please keep in mind that any dental visit having occurred after **July 1, 2019** will fulfill your child's seventh grade dental visit requirement. As always, physical and dental forms can be printed directly from the SCS website, and can be emailed directly to me if that is most convenient for you. Forms can also be faxed to school at (610)779-6888. I understand that many dentists' offices are not currently open. I do not wish to cause any additional stress, I just want to provide the traditional information and we will work together to do the best that we can moving forward.

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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