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Letter from MCS School Board and Administration

April 3, 2020

Dear MCS Families,

In the writings of C.S. Lewis' book "Screwtape Letters" there is a conversation Jesus is having with Satan. By his actions, he worked to "cause anxiety, fear and panic." Satan says he "will shut down businesses, schools, places of worship and sports events. I will cause economic turmoil." ***Jesus responded with, "I will bring together neighbors, restore the family unit. I will bring dinner back to the kitchen table. I will help people slow down their lives and appreciate what really matters. I will teach my children to rely on me and not the world."*** It is amazing to note that these words were penned by C.S. Lewis in 1942. Scripture tells us: **Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God (Phil 4:6-7).**

MCS continues to deal with the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and how this makes it unsafe for our students and employees to be served on our school campus at this time. We were hoping to open our campus with all students returning the first week in May. Unfortunately, all TVL spring sports are cancelled for the remainder of the year.

Now, with further guidance and directives from the State of CA Superintendent of Instruction, Governor Newsom and the Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools, the need for social distancing and Shelter in Place warrants that *for now* we extend campus closure to the end of the school year. ***MCS students could possibly return in May if restrictions are lifted.***

We will continue to focus on the successful implementation and use of iCrusader Online-Oriented Learning (*iCool*) platform by providing a quality education to fulfill academic requirements for all students.

We will continue to plan for the following as soon as the Shelter in Place and crowd restrictions are lifted:

- promotions and graduation ceremonies are scheduled for the original dates in May or will be scheduled during the summer, if at all possible;
- a time for students to return to campus end of the year celebration including yearbook signing party, Awards Ceremony, Senior Sunset, etc...during the summer;
- Junior Senior Prom, Band Concert, & High School Musical Production will reschedule during the summer.

We will continue to assist families with school enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year.

A heartfelt thank you for your kind comments during this time of transition to our *iCOOL* platform. Teacher, student and parent feedback has been tremendous and so encouraging to know we are hitting the target.

Continuing to build for the future,

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