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Dear Jefferson Parents,

As we approach our third week of school being closed, I am hopeful that our Jefferson families are healthy and have begun to develop some solid routines at home. As a school, we are trying our best to stay connected with both you and your children through a variety of electronic means.

From the many posts, pictures, and emails I review on a daily basis, your children have been learning. As a staff, we understand that our young students require supervision and oversight for many of the tasks and activities they are asked to complete on a daily basis. We appreciate all that you are doing and understand that you cannot replicate the type of learning that occurs when students are present in school. Keep up the great work and make sure that you check your emails often as teachers continue to check in with families and provide them with direction on remote learning opportunities.

If you do not have internet access Sunrise Bible (518) 356-0963 will be allowing community members to access their internet while in their cars. Please check the district website for further information about internet access and other helpful information for you if you are in need of assistance <https://www.schalmont.org/covid19familyresources/>.

If you are experiencing problems with the Chromebook assigned to your child, we are asking that you contact the technology department by either emailing them at [helpdesk@schalmont.net](mailto:helpdesk@schalmont.net) or calling **518-355-9200 x3099** (and leave a message) they will get back to you as soon as they can.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Our second-trimester report cards were scheduled to be available for parents on Friday, March 27, 2020. With Governor Cuomo's announcement to close school for two weeks, we have delayed the availability of the report cards until **April 10, 2020**. Please understand that **the second-trimester report cards are indicative of student achievement and progress up to March 11, 2020**. As we are currently unsure of how long the school closure will extend, additional information will be forthcoming regarding the end of year report cards and how they might look. As always, parents may access their child's report card at 3:00 PM on Friday, April 10, 2020, via the parent portal. Hard copies will be mailed to families who have already requested this option.

In the coming days, please check the Jefferson webpage as I will be posting a letter regarding student placements for September. Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times at both school and within our own homes. Our teachers, IT department, and administrative team remain dedicated and vigilant to ensure that Schalmont stays strong. Don't hesitate to reach out to either Mrs. Gordon or me at our email addresses if you need anything at all. We are always here for you.

Always Jefferson Proud,

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