

During last evening's Q & A, a question was asked about a \$500 Loyalty Fee and when families would receive their refund. To be clear, there is no Loyalty Fee. Prior to the 2007-2008 school year, parents purchased a \$500 Bond when a family enrolled in Holy Trinity. This money was returned to the family when the youngest sibling graduated. What I said last evening was "when the child graduated," leaving out the caveat of the youngest sibling graduating from the school. This program was terminated for the 2008-2009 school year. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused and hopefully I have cleared up any confusion. For those parents who still have questions, I encourage you to contact the business office for more information. Teresa Blades can be reached at tblades@htrinity.org

Now for the Questions:

When will we know the school plans for next year? It is our intention to make families aware of our **TENTATIVE** plans for the re-opening of school by July 1. I purposely write tentative in caps to drive home the point that what is proposed on July 1 can change before we return to school. As these changes occur, families will be kept informed.

Will families still have access to the programs the school has used during virtual learning? Unfortunately, the answer is No, as the school must take down all these tools to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Will there be new laptops for next year, as the current laptops are too slow? The answer again is No. As I explained last evening, we are locked into a two-year lease. In order to break the lease and get new laptops, we would incur an additional fee and be forced to increase our Technology Fee from \$300 to \$560. I had a conversation with our IT Director this morning and he believes the performance of our leased laptops has been degraded by Microsoft sending out patches that do not always improve the performance of the computer. He put this theory into use by re-imaging a student laptop that had slowed considerably. Once completed, the laptop was performing as expected. This summer, our laptops will be refurbished, and slight modification will be made that we expect will improve their performance. Looking ahead, as this lease comes to an end, we will explore other options going forward.

Additionally, families are encouraged check their internet providers speed, which also could impact performance.

When is Graduation? Graduation Exercises for the Class of 2020 are planned for Monday, June 8 at 6:00 PM. On the Daisy Lane Campus. Details will be sent to the graduates' families early next week.

Will the school provide Summer Work? Summer Reading assignments are already posted on the school's website. Summer math information will be sent shortly, with the Primary School using XtraMath and HSP using Freckle. Stay tuned.

Will there be a Virtual Summer Band Camp? Again, unfortunately, the answer is No. However, as I indicated, I have asked our music department to contact all rising 5th grade students, as well as students newly enrolled in High School Prep, as to what their plans will be for onboarding them into the band program.

Will there be an opportunity for the students to say good bye to their teachers virtually? It turns out that we will not be able to turn on cameras for end of year good byes as we do not have the appropriate parental waivers signed. This is an issue that will be rectified this fall.

I think I have covered those areas where questions were asked of which I was unsure and, hopefully, provided some clarity on another. I also want to once again encourage you to take the Parent COVID-19 survey if you have not already done so. The survey will be taken down tomorrow evening. Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HTSCovidSurvey>

Finally, I want to thank everyone for your support and engagement. As I indicated last evening, we will continue these “virtual coffees” throughout the summer if needed to keep our community informed, as communication is key for us to be successful.

Best,
Michael S. Mullin, Head of School