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The past few days the Metro administrative team has been discussing and reflecting on the story in Mark 4 when the disciples find Jesus sleeping on the boat in the midst of a major storm. The disciples are frantic and are concerned because it appears as though Jesus doesn't care if they drown. In 4:39-40, Mark writes, "He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be Still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?'" The past few days have been a good reminder for all of us to pause and reflect on where we have our eyes focused in the midst of this storm. This situation is uncharted waters for all of us. As parents we must be prepared to point ourselves and our children to Jesus as we experience fear, stress, and uncertainty. Thankfully we serve a God that brings peace and hope even in the most uncertain times. I'm praying that the Lord would bring us all wisdom, peace, patience, and love in the days ahead.

As you are aware, Metro is invoking our Remote Learning Protocol. I initially met with middle school staff last week to encourage them to begin preparing for this possibility. I have been so encouraged by our faculty's response. They are ready and excited to serve your children in this new format of instruction. At the middle school level there are two primary ways you can expect for content to be communicated and delivered:

1. Faculty will use PCR to communicate with parents and students, post assignments, etc. If you or your child do not have your PCR login information please contact, helpdesk@metroca.com.
2. Several of our teachers are currently using Google Classroom to deliver content to their classes. Some of our teachers that currently do not use Google Classroom are getting their classes set up in order to begin using it to deliver content to students next week. All middle school students have Google accounts. If your child does not know how to access their account please contact, helpdesk@metroca.com

Teachers will be in communication with you by 3:00 on Monday, March 23rd with information on how they will deliver content for their classes. Faculty will be available to answer questions about their courses during normal school hours beginning next week. We hope that most students have all items for their classes that they need with them, but the building will be open for students that need to pick up any books or materials on Monday, March 23rd from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children into the building. All visitors will check-in at the main gate when they arrive and when they leave. Please practice appropriate social distancing while on campus.

As we transition to this new format of delivery, we appreciate your patience as we are all learning how to deliver content in a new format. Our teachers also will have grace and patience as they understand that this is different for your children, as well. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the Metro community. Please let me know if you have any questions.

With prayer,
Robby Davis
MS Principal