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## Satori School Closure Update ~ May 15, 2020

Dear Satori students and families,

I want to spend this time thanking each and every one of you. You have helped make this difficult time so much easier. You were patient and kind with the teachers as they tried to figure out this new realm of teaching and you appreciated them when they needed it the most. You helped our funding by joining in on our virtual auction and you checked in frequently to find out what support I needed. You stepped up and taught your children to the best of your ability and you allowed them to take time away when they needed it. You reached out for help and allowed us to see your vulnerability, as well. For all of this and for being a huge part of the Satori community, thank you!

As the year comes to a close there are still many unanswered questions. I will try my best to answer what I know now and send emails as soon as more information comes to us.

### FAQs:

- **Can I still pick up my child's belongings?** Yes! Please contact Nathan and/or Susan to set up a time to come in. Email me if you need to come in at a time that the offices/buildings are closed and I will try to accommodate you. You can reach them at:  
Nathan, Private Campus Office: 520-887-4003  
Susan, Charter Campus Office: 520-293-7555
- **Are you going to have a Kindergarten and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation?** Yes, we are! Karen has planned a wonderful virtual Kindergarten Zoom Graduation and even sent materials home so the class could make graduation caps. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders really wanted to do something in person, and our Middle School teaching team came up with a great way to celebrate them by having a drive-thru graduation at the school. I am hoping to share pictures afterward.
- **Is there a Book Fair this month?** Our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair is happening now through September. This is a great way to find new books for your children to read this summer and they will even be delivered to your home. See your email for more details.
- **Any word on teachers for next year?** I am excited to announce that we are keeping our teachers and will only need to make a few changes. I will be able to let you know more by the end of next week.
- **Do you know where my child will be placed?** Not currently. We are working on placements and devote a lot of hours and teamwork to make sure we get it right. I will send out a letter later this summer to let you know. We have a great team this year and I know your child will be successful no matter where they are placed.



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- **What is the word on summer camp?** At this time, I am still not sure. We are looking at the CDC recommendations to decide if we can hold it or if we need to spend this time preparing for the fall.
- **Are we going to open back up for school in August?** That is the plan. How that looks is still uncertain, but we will know more as the summer progresses and will keep you informed.
- **Will there be Walk-Through Registration at the end of summer?** We will decide on how our registration process will work later this summer, considering the most recent guidelines to ensure it is safe for all our families.
- **What changes do you see happening next year with all of this?** This is a hard question because we are learning it as we go. I am sure it will not look the same as it did this past year, but we are working hard to keep everyone safe and still be able to keep things as 'normal' as possible.
- **Will you send out weekly letters after next week?** I will not be sending out weekly letters during the summer, but I will send out information as we get it and have periodic check-ins so everyone knows what is happening.

Thank you again for all you are doing to help the Satori community!

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