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Official Announcement from the SGEN President

Dear Parents and Students,

Much has happened since the eruption of Taal Volcano last Jan.12, 2020. By the grace of the Almighty God, we survived the eruption! At about the same time though, a new corona virus was being battled in Wuhan, China and in some parts of the world. Sadly, we are experiencing a health crisis nationwide due to the new corona virus - COVID-19. Last week, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared that it is no longer an epidemic disease but is pandemic already. WHO blames the spread to people not taking seriously as to what the virus can do. We need to do our part to STOP the spread of the virus in our families and communities.

Last week, President Rodrigo Duterte announced 'community quarantine' for the whole of NCR and cancelled classes. Soon after, the local government of Batangas Province through Gov. Dodo Mandanas likewise announced the suspension of classes from March 13, 2020, to April 14, 2020, due to confirmed 2 cases of COVID-19. The cancellation of classes' aims is to greatly lessen social interaction of people in school. Over the weekend, both SSIS Lipa and Batangas campuses disinfected the classrooms and things used by both employees and students.

To be able to continue academic instruction, SGEN schools have decided to go online from Monday to Thursday as a mode of conducting academic instruction. Online classes will temporarily replace on-site or face-to-face classroom instruction. Our students are used to going online because of their experience in receiving instruction through Moodle and carrying out activities on Khan Math and Science from Grades 5 to 12. Our Grades 1-4 teachers will deliver instruction through Google Hangout. The pre-school teachers will email work for the pre-schoolers. There will be a need for the students to ask help from the parents. Let us help each other provide online academic instruction to our students until we resume regular classes. Do expect the teachers to be getting in touch with your children through their Moodle accounts and other e-mails. It will be offline on Fridays so that teachers can check the work of their students.

The school will remain open and will conduct business from 8 am to 5 pm. The teachers and non-teaching personnel will practice flexible work arrangements following DOLE guidelines. I urge everyone to listen to announcements from the local government for work and COVID-19 updates.

All school activities from today, March 16, 2020 to April 14, 2020 will be suspended. Our school Principal, Mr. Rolly Donato, will update everyone through the school website, e-mails or school bulletins about the new schedule of school activities. We will continue to give announcements through regular advisories. We strongly recommend the community to exercise caution during this public health emergency both in personal interactions as well as the sharing of unverified information, which can lead to panic and confusion. Let us pray for the safety of everyone.

Sincerely,

Ma. Theresita R. Yague, EdD

President, SGEN Allied Schools

Value of the Month: "Orderliness and 5S"

Value of the Week: "Standardizing: Setting Procedures for Cleanliness"