

Good evening Parents,

We have made it through week one of online learning with what has been a hectic, unsettling, maybe even frightful week away from school because of the virus. What our parents (and grandparents) have been able to accomplish has been difficult, perhaps even feeling impossible, but the hardest week of our new normal is in the rearview mirror.

Many of our parents are healthcare workers, and continue to sacrifice on the front lines in this battle that our entire world is facing; many parents hold jobs that require them to continue to try and keep things afloat, and then come home faced with trying to maintain some semblance of education for their children. There are commendations for you all, some spoken, but most efforts will probably slide by into the next week seemingly unseen by the outside world. But, the observant sees what you are doing; the observant sympathizes with you; **our believing brothers and sisters pray for you, and are looking for ways to serve you in any way possible.**

In the first chapter of Joshua, the monumental task of leading an entire nation fell into the young hands of Joshua, the mere assistant who followed behind Moses in leading the Jewish nation out of their wanderings. I am sure that the emotions that he felt were "hectic, unsettling, maybe even frightful" as he faced the daunting tasks ahead. **But God's words rang true then, and they ring equally loud now, "Be strong and courageous...be strong and very courageous...because the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."**

I will not pretend for a minute that we can give you normal, **but we will continue to point you to the One who can settle our emotions and to the One who repeats over and over throughout scripture to "Fear not." He is able...He IS able!** We want to be there for you in any way that we can; keep fighting the good fight! Stay in the word, and prayerfully approach each day. We stand with you ready to serve!

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