Greetings in the name of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ! I want to begin by assuring you all that you are loved and cared for. The continued care of our students, families, and staff is always our first concern. With the guidance of our Prince of Peace, we will make sure that we do everything we can to protect our students, families, and staff during the coming days and weeks.

Please know that we are taking all possible steps that we can to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, families, and staff. We are following the recommendations and guidelines of the CDC, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Cook County Health Department. We are also following the guidance of the Illinois Department of Education and the Illinois State Board of Education.

At the start of the Covid crisis, Guardian formed the Covid Response Team (CRT) made up of diverse church and school leadership to manage our organization through this unprecedented time. The CRT has already begun working with ministry leaders to develop comprehensive guidelines, expectations, and plans for the safety and health of our students, families, and staff.

Guardian recognizes the safety of our people must come first. As we begin moving forward, if you have any questions or concerns for the Covid Response Team, you may email me (CRT Chairman) at principal@guardianlutheran.org.

Peace Through Prayer.

Matthew Dummann, Principal
Guardian Lutheran School
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**List of School Issued Property being Collected:**
- Chromebooks loaned out for At Home Learning (with charging cord)
- Library and/or classroom books and novels
- School band instruments
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**Changes to arrival and pick up:**
- Limiting building access to visitors and parents
- Wearing of masks for both staff and students
- Health screenings for all people entering the building
- Social distancing measures in place for buildings and other events
- Additional and other activities have to be moved back.

The date of this event is TBD. We do not know when this may be possible, but we also need to remind everyone that we are not holding this event in person, however, it is our plan to record the service as we have been doing with our chapel services and email it to all families.

That recording will also include the announcement of our year end awards. Due to the closure of our school, many things that will normally be done to end awards that they won, have their picture taken with their favorite teacher, and thank their teacher for a great year! The CRT has decided to do this in the interest of the health and safety of our students, families, and staff.

Lastly, we are planning on holding a Drive Through Awards Celebration. This will no longer happen on our school campus. Instead, the event will be held at the school band instruments and other items will be turned in starting on Monday, June 1.

Our school band instruments are being collected.

**Top ten topics:**
- library books
- band instruments, etc.
- school staff finalizes grades and financial accounts

Each year at this time, our students begin cleaning out their lockers and desks, returning textbooks, band instruments, books, band instruments, etc., and school staff finalizes grades and financial accounts. This is a very busy time of the school year, especially at Guardian.

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