



## High School Thursday Notes Message Archive

April 9, 2020

### **A Message from Dr. Ann Marie Krejcarek, President of Convent & Stuart Hall**

Dear Convent & Stuart Hall Community,

Our Easter Break invites us to pause and celebrate this beautiful season of the year. Our best wishes for a Happy Passover and Blessed Easter season. I hope to see many of you later this afternoon for our hour of Conversation with David Whyte. In case you missed the invitation, I have [linked it here](#) for you once again.

As parents, you have been terrific and heroic partners in supporting our students in their new learning environment. I know it has not been easy for you to manage your own professional lives differently while also having your children engage virtually in school. Thank you!

We experienced another success in virtual engagement with over 100 elementary students participating in our first all-day Extended Learning Monday. Thank you to Andrew Hoffer and his ASP team for facilitating this optional opportunity for our students and families. We are also offering the program this coming Monday and Tuesday, please reach out via [this link](#) if you have not yet registered.

Please continue to send your feedback [via this link](#) so we can continue to enhance the teaching and learning experience.

I look forward to a time where we will be together again in person, and until then, “may the space between us be blessed” (inspired by John O’Donohue’s book *To Bless the Space Between Us*).

Sincerely,  
Ann Marie

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### **A Message from Rachel Simpson, Head of Convent High School**

As we approach Easter Sunday and look forward to a few days of break, I would like to offer my best wishes and gratitude to our faculty, our students and our families. Together we are doing amazing work -- the feat of moving our entire school operation online would have felt impossible to fathom as recently as a few short months ago, and the combined strength of our community has made the impossible not just possible, but a resounding success.

The poet and philosopher David Whyte reflected with our faculty yesterday on the current time and that it may be an invitation to be *more present*. David shared with us a few of his poems, one of which relates to the blessing of each new morning's light. May the promise and blessings of the Easter season bring you peace and invite new sources of wonder into your days. May you and your loved ones be safe and well.

Please continue to refer to [SFCorConnect](#) for ongoing information and updates.

Please also join me in virtually extending a warm Sacred Heart welcome to our incoming freshmen families as they have begun to receive Thursday Notes and all school communication.

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### **A Message from Tony Farrell, Head of Stuart Hall High School**

I enjoyed my time with our parents during our "Teens and Money" Zoom discussions this week. Look for new topics and new opportunities to connect when we get back from break.

As we enter the heart of Holy Week and Passover, I continue to draw strength from the thought that humanity has successfully endured many bouts of uncertainty throughout history. This week calls to mind the case of Jesus' friends and followers on that first Easter Sunday. Their friend and mentor had been tortured and executed, and then his body went missing. My yearly return to these Gospel readings has yet to give me the impression that it made much sense to those closely involved at the time it was happening.

My attempts to stay current with readings about our present plight don't leave me with ready understanding, either. If the situation weren't so grave, it would make for a fascinating prompt for our Gr. 11 Theory of Knowledge (ToK) course: "What sources can we trust to give us the information we need to ask the right questions?"

In the nearly 2,000 years since Jesus' death, that confusing Sunday has now become synonymous with hope and new life. My hope, and my faith, is that, just as was the case those many years ago with Jesus' friends, this moment of uncertainty will eventually provide us with a clearer purpose.

For less weighty questions that can be answered with greater certainty, please continue to refer to [SFCorConnect](#) for updates and additionally you may call Laura Maupin between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. (415-345-5811) with a question that isn't housed on SFCorConnect. Laura will help locate the best person to answer.

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In the meantime, stay well. *Chag Pesach Semeach*. Happy Easter!