

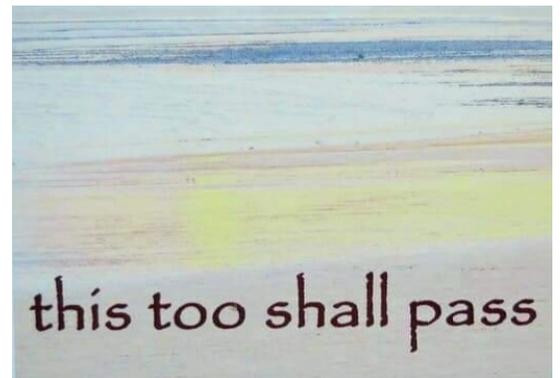
# HOLY FAITH CONVENT PENAL

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

**E**aster greetings from Holy Faith Convent School Board to our School Communities.

We extend the peace and joy of the Risen Lord to all members of the HFC family. We recognise and acknowledge your efforts to foster both the education of our children and enrichment of our respective communities as well as our nation. We are truly grateful for your continued service and generosity of spirit, particularly in this time of COVID-19 Pandemic. This too shall pass... in Christ is our victory, therein lies our hope.

Among HFC's strengths are its love of humanity, fairness, justice, selfless leadership and a deep sense of spirituality founded on an abiding trust in our loving, ever-living God who is always present even amidst the trials of this life. Over the years these strengths have enabled our schools' leadership teams (administrative, teachers, ancillary staff, students, parents and community) to develop strategies based on our core values to navigate us through what can only be described as traumatic times. We pray that guided by the Holy Spirit we will continue to do so with an abundance of God's grace.



Our focus continues to be the well-being of all members of our HFC family. One such initiative involves each of our secondary schools in providing hampers for those more vulnerable among us. We also encourage all to continue to pray, pause, be aware, reflect on this experience and to stay safe as we manoeuvre this most unusual time in world history and plan for the way forward.

Together we are preparing our students for a future that is unknown as well as to address ever-evolving social and cultural issues. Undoubtedly, our leadership must be predictive and insightful, our teaching inspiring, and our learning empowering.

At present, the staff at both our schools (in conjunction with other stakeholders) are working assiduously towards this end. There has been much virtual meeting and planning as we seek to re-configure teaching and learning experiences. All projected activities continue to be premised on equity, love and respect for all concerned.

The Members of our Board wish to sincerely thank all stakeholders for your contributions in making our response to date to this pandemic challenge a sensible, compassionate and effective one. We trust and pray that this will continue and our responses will adjust to meet those needs as they arise. We look forward to your active participation in and contribution to this effort.

As our Foundress, Margaret Aylward reminds us: “God’s will in your regard will be your polar star. View it calmly and steadily. When the work is for God and those engaged in it devote their time, energies and fortunes to its accomplishment, then, the seemingly impossible becomes a reality.”

Let us keep our eyes on our polar star and may God continue to richly bless us all.

Once again we thank you for your continued support of our HFC Schools. We continue to place all our trust in Christ who is our victory. Alleluia!

### **Prayers and Blessings.**

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## TO OUR PARENTS

God's Blessings of Peace and Hope to your family during this time from our HFCP family.

We recognize that we are in challenging times as our world is in the throes of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has affected all of us on a variety of levels, as our country is also feeling the effects. This pandemic has brought changes to our individual lives and our families socially, economically and physically. We empathize with those who are experiencing sickness and any other difficulty at this time. Our prayers and good wishes go out to you.



We as a family have just gone through the Lenten season where we were reminded of the journey of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Cross, his Passion and Resurrection. It is our hope that this Easter season ushers in a feeling of renewed hope as we too journey through this period of uncertainty and change, so that we too can experience our own renewal.

Parents we thank you for your continued support and recognize your concerns at this time re: the commencement of school, classes and SBA deadlines. We especially note the anxiety experienced by students who are presently preparing for External exams CSEC and CAPE. Teachers have been sending work at the various Form Levels and are at present involved in the exercise of marking SBAs and IAs. We would have engaged in discussion with the PTC Executive to chart a way forward.

We wish to address these concerns as we continue partnering with you to ensure that there is structure to the remote learning process whilst students are at home. To this end we wish to inform that we have designed a schedule for online classes at the various Form levels. Our dedicated teachers continue to work with and support our CSEC/CAPE students. This schedule is to serve as a guide as we strive to stay connected with our charges.

Please note that these classes are geared to be fun, interactive and informative sessions that may involve evaluation for reinforcement and revision. In recognition of the fact that each home may have multiple users for an ICT device, teachers will indicate when students will have to log on and when other self-directed study or activity will be scheduled.

Parents and guardians, it must be stressed that in light of the present situation and with no mandate from the Ministry of Education, **teachers' outreach at this point is voluntary. Do not be alarmed or anxious, as HFCP family we are trying our best to stay safe, connected and support each other. Please note that Term III work will**

**begin for everyone once schools are declared safe for re-opening under the direction of the relevant authorities.**

As HFCP family we know that you will do your part to ensure the full participation of your child to the best of your ability. Parents, we acknowledge your crucial role in the success of this venture and look forward to your continued support in this regard.

We have taken into consideration the challenges of those who may not have internet access or suitable devices or have to share devices. We are asking that this information be communicated to us so that we can work together to solve these issues going forward, so that no student is disadvantaged. We are also asking that you kindly complete the online data capture form that will be posted.

Please feel free to offer your suggestions through the PTC as we seek to go forward.

We at HFCP are committed to continued excellence in education through our core values and we trust that together as we trust in the Grace of God that we will all emerge victorious.

**‘This is the Victory that Overcomes the World, our Faith...’**

**Yours in Faith,**

MS. NADINE VICTOR-AYRES  
***VICE PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)***

MS. SHARON FRANCOIS  
***PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)***

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## OUR DEAR STUDENTS

Greetings girls. We heartily extend Easter Blessings to you and pray that you may truly experience the joy, light, peace, love and victory of Christ's glorious resurrection. As we continue to battle against the Covid-19 pandemic and adjust to these extraordinary times we urge you all to remember that **God is good all the time and all the time, God is good!**

As Daughters of faith, place your fears, hope and trust in Almighty God. Please continue to do all possible to remain safe and secure with your families. Do remember to appreciate the daily blessings you receive and know that **we are all in this together.**

Your teachers are committed to keeping in touch with you as best as possible under the circumstances. They will strive to keep you connected, active and engaged during this time as we facilitate remote learning.

Please note that the activities planned are geared to be fun, interactive and informative. We urge you to get on board and participate actively in the sessions scheduled once possible. Even in these times we know discipline is key, so please cooperate with your teachers and parents.

Girls, please do not be unduly worried that you will be missing out if you are unable to connect or participate for reasons beyond your control. Take comfort in the fact that **Term III work** will begin for **everyone** whenever schools are cleared for safe re-opening. Remember to strive for the holistic balance that we treasure at HFCP, so pay attention **to mind, body and spirit.**

Use this time to continue to bond with your loved ones and work, play and pray together. We pray that the remaining weeks ahead will be wonderfully blessed, spirit filled, productive and safe.

**We love and miss you all.** You are in our thoughts and prayers until we are all able to meet again. God's richest blessings.

*"Before all things,  
the children will be  
made strong in  
Faith-a Faith that  
will be living and  
operative."*

*Margaret Aylward*

## REMOTE LEARNING TIPS

- Timetable – Make sure to revisit your timetable daily to ensure that you are prepared for the next day's classes.



- Complete Assignments – Ensure that all assignments (even reading assignments) are completed before the next time you have a subject.



- Check your email – Login often to your email and the various learning platforms to check for updates.



- Devices – Using a desktop or laptop is always better once you have access to one. Headphones are also valuable to minimize distractions.



- Stay connected – Ensure that your devices are properly charged before or are plugged in during sessions to avoid battery failure.



- Workspace – work in a quiet area, at a desk or table to be properly able to maintain a good posture.



- Focus – During sessions with teachers, remain focussed on the lesson and avoid browsing the net or reading chat messages.



- Routine – Set your alarm to wake you up, eat breakfast and get dressed for class.



- Ask questions – If you do not understand something, ask your teacher a question. Answer questions your teacher may ask during the session.



- Take breaks – There are 15-minute breaks scheduled into your daily timetable. Use this time to move around and be away from your screen.



- Use classroom language – Talking to your teacher and classmates online is no different from how you will speak to them in a classroom.



- Etiquette – Mind your manners.

