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Dear RCS Parents, Guardians, and Students,

We have a service project opportunity for all RCS students TK - 12th! Although it will look different depending on the age, this is a way we can all serve from our homes!

Background

To protect the elderly, who are at highest risk for complications from COVID-19, nursing homes are now restricting visitors and communal activities. This means, that the residents will be mostly staying within the four walls of their rooms. Their family members cannot visit them. They cannot eat meals or play Bingo with their friends. They need community in creative ways now more than ever!

The Service Project

One thing RCS students and families can do is a drawing or write a letter - something kind, thoughtful, and encouraging - to brighten someone's day. It should be generic in salutation and gender pronoun (a salutation might be "Good Morning!") and something you can scan or email. If you create your encouragement note/drawing on paper, use a scanning app to scan it and create a digital file and email to JuliaBilbao@rcs.edu.

Things you might share in your letter: a kind thought, Bible verse, thoughtful quote, and/or draw a picture.

This project is being facilitated by the Bilbao family. Here is a note from Mrs. Bilbao:

"My name is Stephanie and I am the mom of Liam (10th) and Julia (9th) Bilbao. I am Nurse who works closely with elderly residents in Nursing Homes. I have asked Liam and Julia to write letters to nursing home residents to brighten their days. I am extending this opportunity to the rest of the students who are interested. They can email their letters to Julia at JuliaBilbao@rcs.edu, and I will distribute letters to the Nursing Home Administrators I work with."

Please feel free to email Julia with any questions. Thank you to the Bilbao family for this opportunity!

In Christ,

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Superintendent