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**Just Another day in Paradise - Tuesday, February 9**

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Dear Parents,

JADIP! Just another day in paradise! My parents live in Sarasota, Florida, and when I call to speak to them and ask how they are doing, they say, "JADIP!" They most especially love saying it in the winter when we are buried in snow, or in a loop of snow storms. I was telling my parents that we received nearly 3 feet of snow last week, and their response was we have 10 feet of sunshine...terrible, terrible people. LOL!

So this year, in the back of my mind is the non-public transportation angle. With many of our sending districts in the hybrid model, they have this ability to go all virtual and not miss any school and not transport us. Easton being our largest district, with almost 300 students riding 9 buses daily, is my largest district, and we have always followed the "call" Easton has made. This year has been tricky for me because, they aren't closing, they are continuing their education of students virtually and not transporting non-public schools for safety reasons. Such is life!

Yesterday, the teachers I and met to discuss the upcoming snowy weeks -- we have decided that we would also like to try a full virtual day if given enough notice to send home chrome books for our students to use. I'm not sure if all students have their own devices at home, and as the principal, I look to make sure we have equity across the school (meaning we all have the same means to complete the work). With that being said and the last minute call by Easton this morning, we are going to provide a flexible instruction today. My teachers will post assignments for today by 9:00 a.m. that must be completed by your child. This is NOT optional. Flexible Instruction counts as a school day. We have used up the 4 snow days we have built into our school calendar. Snow days at this point will be taken from Easter or tacked on at the end of the year, and there is a possibility we will have to consider using these up as well. But for today, we will be using a flex day to provide continuity of education.

The teachers will be available on zoom for students who need assistance. Those students who did not complete last week's assignments (a handful in each grade) should complete all work by this Friday or will receive a zero for all work assigned and will be marked absent. We have all been very patient and understanding of the circumstances around the weather, but we strongly believe that the children are accountable for their learning at St. Jane School, and therefore, must do all work assigned to the best of their ability. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me and we will discuss.

Enjoy another day in paradise!

Mrs. Okula

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