

March 19, 2020

St. John Families,

I hope this finds you healthy and doing as well as possible during these challenging times. I wish to relay information regarding current decisions. Please remember this is a rapidly changing event and our first and primary concern is the safety and health of our kids, families and staff. I remind and encourage you to always follow the CDC guidelines!

First, our custodial staff has been busy cleaning and sanitizing the building! Please join me in thanking them for their hard work and dedication to this important task.

Second, we have been directed from the Catholic Schools Office to treat the next two weeks as an extended spring break. Instruction will not be provided via any format through April 3rd. However, teachers have been encouraged to share enrichment activities that are age appropriate for students while at home. These are not mandatory, but simply suggestions that families may work on during this break. Some teachers already have private Facebook pages and other formats in place to share information and in fact, some have done so. However, since they are still on Spring break, I have not instructed them to begin this process until March 23rd with dissemination beginning on March 25th.

Beginning March 23rd, staff will be working remotely in compliance with directives from the Superintendent' office. If you need to communicate with them, starting March 23rd, please do so via email or the other formats they have set up. If needed, you may call the school office and leave a message and we will forward that to them. Both Mrs. Thibeault and I will be in the school office beginning March 23rd during normal school hours. Other than that, only staff that is necessary to the operation of our school will be on site. If you need to come to the school, please follow all CDC guidelines before, during and after. Please do not come unless necessary! We will be happy to answer your questions via email or phone calls.

Third, we are hopeful, and the plan right to date, is to resume classes on Monday, April 6th. However, as the situation is changing and developing daily, we must be aware that may not happen. We will work as a staff, under the guidance of the Bishop, Superintendent Dean and Father John, to plan what that would look like in the event school does not resume on April 6th. That information will be shared as it becomes available.

At this time, I do not have information about whether the missed days will be made up or forgiven. Further discussions and decisions related to that will be forthcoming and I will share when the decision is made.

Please join me in prayer for our community, our country and our world as we face this challenge. Let's all do our part to keep everyone safe.

Your servant and principal,

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