



Dear Parents of Holy Family Students,

As I have shared with you previously, we have been working on plans to continue the education of your children remotely should we find ourselves in that situation. We know from the news that the COVID-19 is spreading rapidly. While we are not aware of any cases of infection in our community, our parish and school have decided to take a proactive approach.

While our primary focus remains the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff, we are balancing that with maintaining the continuity of learning for your children.

The following will be in effect:

-Friday, March 13:

- Only the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and their families will attend Mass and the Retreat.
- Stations of the Cross is canceled.
- Students will be sent home with their individual iPads and all books. (We have a very limited number of apple chargers; please email your child's teacher if you need us to send one home.)

-Monday, March 16 thru Friday, March 27—SCHOOL IS CLOSED; remote learning will be in effect. All school activities and field trips (including the 6<sup>th</sup> grade science camp) are canceled until further notice.

-Friday, March 27, we will re-evaluate the situation to determine whether or not we should reopen on Monday, March 30 or remain closed for a further period of time.

These remote learning days will count as "school days." At this time, we are not planning on adding days at the end of the year.

Remote learning looks different at different grade levels. In the lower grades, the focus will be on maintaining reading, writing, and math skills. The homeroom teachers of students in grades K-5 will be in contact with you regarding student work. Students in the upper grades will receive assignments in a variety of subjects through Schoology. Because we still need to generate a report card at the end of the year, assignments will be graded during the closure.

The best way to contact us will be through email rather than phones as many employees will be working remotely. Employees will be available via email during their regular work hours. Should you have challenges with IT, please email Ms. Erin Arnold ([earnold@holyfamily.org](mailto:earnold@holyfamily.org)) and she will coordinate remote assistance.

Children thrive on routine; it is important that you maintain a regular schedule, to the greatest extent possible. The work provided by our teachers can be very helpful in this regard. If you are looking for information regarding how to talk with your children about the coronavirus, [here is a great resource](#).



While the school is closed, we will have a deep cleaning/disinfecting of the buildings out of an abundance of caution. If someone in your family is diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus, please email me and Nurse Zhanna ([zkhanjyan@holyfamily.org](mailto:zkhanjyan@holyfamily.org)) immediately; this will help us make prudent decisions as we move forward.

We will continue to address issues as they arise and will keep you updated. We recognize this is inconvenient for families and ask that the Holy Family community support one another during this period of uncertainty. We are grateful for your cooperation and understanding as we strive to protect the health and well-being of our community. Please continue to pray for our government officials working to contain this outbreak and for our health care workers working with those afflicted by this illness.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

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