



Dear Crusader Parents:

Thank you for your continued support and prayers during this confusing and scary time as we continue to be bombarded with the news surrounding Corona Virus and school districts in our vicinity closing after Governor Inslee's news cast this morning. It is getting more and more difficult to ask you to stay calm, have faith, and live our lives as we always have; but I will continue anyway.

I am watching the news, reviewing updates, and looking to the CDC and King County Department of Health to make the best possible decisions for St. Monica in these coming weeks. I await further guidance from the Archdiocese, the Department of Catholic Schools, and Mercer Island School District. Upon Fr. Freitag's suggestion, we will cancel school Friday Masses, Stations of the Cross, and assemblies until Easter Break to limit the number of times our entire school is together in one room/ location. Teachers will be in-serviced on Microsoft Teams today in our faculty meeting to create a single electronic platform for our Pandemic Plan for continuing education. Teachers have already submitted their preliminary plans to me and will be finalizing them this week.

Preliminary School-Wide Pandemic Plan:

First day following a required school closure, there will be no students allowed on campus and there will be a staff in-service day in preparation of our first week of remote learning and expectations.

Two days following required school closure, families come to campus to retrieve textbooks, workbooks, reading books, computers, introductory packets, etc.:

- 9:00-9:30 Last name begins with A-C
- 9:30-10:00 Last name begins with D-F
- 10:00-10:30 Last name begins with G-I
- 10:30-11:00 Last name begins with J-L
- 11:00-11:30 Last name begins with M-O
- 11:30-12:00 Last name begins with P-R
- 1:00-1:30 Last name begins with S-U
- 1:30-2:00 Last name begins with V-X
- 2:00-2:30 Last name begins with Y-Z

Families are being asked to stagger arrival to ensure proper social distancing. If the school closure exceeds one week, families will be asked to come to school on each Monday, at the same times, to return finished work (unless they are turning it in electronically to their teacher) and possibly check out a new library book or pick-up the new weekly packet, supplies for projects, etc. depending on grade level.

My goal is to remain open as long as possible as I know the greater impact this could have on families if school is closed and child-care is needed. I will keep you apprised of any and all changes to our school schedule. May God continue to bless us all as we work together in community for the best scenario possible.

In Christ,

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