



Dear Crusader Families,

Update: St. Monica Catholic School will be closed for on-campus classes starting Monday, March 16 thru Friday, April 24.

I just wanted to give a HUGE shout out to ALL of our teachers. They have spent the last two days (and most worked through the weekend as well) to make sure we are ready to go live with learning tomorrow. We appreciate your kindness and patience as we start to roll our Remote Learning Plan tonight.

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces today of our parents and children as they stopped by school to pick up, packets, books, laptops, math manipulatives, and any other possible learning tools that they might need over the course of the next six weeks. We sure miss having everyone around every day. **If possible, we will continue a periodic drop-off/pick-up plan with the school being accessible on pre-assigned days Mondays over the six weeks. Please let your homeroom teacher know if you will need to pick up physical copies.**

We are committed to making sure that students continue to experience the care and commitment of our faculty and the routine of daily learning during the state mandated school closure. We must acknowledge that our approach to remote learning cannot replicate the magic that happens when school is in regular session. However, we do contend that quality learning can occur from a distance.

Thank you again, parents and families, for your constant support as we take a new road in this educational journey for your children. Over the past few days our staff has created a Remote Learning Plan, please see the attached document.

The purpose of this document is to describe the actions that our school is taking to continue instruction during an extended campus closure. We endeavor in our Remote Learning Plan (RLP) to accomplish three goals for Pre-School - 8th grade within a flexible framework:

- Live Student-Teacher Contact Time
- Online Content Delivery
- Online Monitoring of Student Progress/Student Assessment

In order to try and minimize the loss of in class academic learning **our teachers have created individual class plans for remote learning for their students' families beginning tomorrow, March 18, which will be mailed out electronically by end of day today.** Our teachers hope your children will be able to remain somewhat independent in this endeavor as you are also having to work from home and don't have the time to be the classroom teacher.

The transition to remote learning may be challenging for families. Parents will need to think differently about how to support their children; how to create structures and routines that allow their children to be successful; and how to monitor and support their children's learning. Some students will thrive with remote learning, while others may struggle. The ten guidelines provided in our Remote Learning Plan are intended to help parents think about what they can do to help their children find success in a remote learning environment.

Thank you for your continued support during this transition to remote learning and remember that your children's teachers are only an email away.

In Christ,

Marybeth Bohm
Principal

