

March 18, 2020

RE: Situation Update to School Closing

Dear Parents,

This letter has been created to further explain our learning process to you. First and foremost, our goal is to be “there” for our students and you as parents. We want to assure you that we have been working very hard to find ways to best assist you and your children during this process. As a reminder, Governor Walz’ Executive Order is directed toward public and charter schools. However, it is our goal at HFS and throughout the Diocese to align as closely as possible to his guidelines and help our children continue getting a quality education.

Our second goal is to help your children feel safe and have an established learning routine that will help them during this time. Please know that we are looking at standards and things that we think will help your child succeed for the remainder of this year and into the next school year. Here are the latest updates:

- **Distance Learning Packets** - The packets and materials you receive today will help our students stay in a routine of learning. At this time, we do not have an established “due date” but will communicate that with you at a later date. We hope to Our goal would be to begin school again on March 30th, however, materials being sent to you will be used starting the 30th if your child is still home. We encourage you to use this week and a half to review the materials provided and determine if the sources references are adequate for your household and communicate with the teachers if changes are necessary. Please use this time to pray, to read together, and to reconnect as a family.
- **Technology & Lunch Options** - We have received updates from all of you on both technology resources and the food program. For those who signed up for the lunch program, we will be working in partnership with the public school. You will be picking up your lunches from the senior high, or having them delivered to you with the determination being made from the public school. At this time, this lunch option runs through March 27th.
- **Kid Connection Childcare** - Beginning today, Kid Connection is open to families of anyone who qualified under the Governor’s Executive Order. If you qualify, you must register with the Community Education Department at the public school before your child(ren) will be enrolled and allowed into the program. At this time, this childcare option runs through March 27th.
- **Diocese Suspensions** - The St. Cloud diocese has suspended all public weekday and weekend masses through Easter Monday. In addition, any parish groups or events will not be allowed until that time. Please see the diocesan webpage for further details.
- **Kindergarten Screening** – The screening that was scheduled for March 31st has been cancelled. We will be sending a letter to all affected families notifying them of this change.
- **School Meetings** - All meetings scheduled before Easter Monday for the school have been cancelled, including Endowment, PAC, and the Area Principle’s Meeting.
- **School Visitors** - The school will be closed to **ALL** visitors with the exception of designated days for parents to make materials exchanges. In addition, the gym and cafeteria will **NOT** be available for rental at this time.
- **Communications** - We will be communicating with you on future materials exchange dates. Drop off times and locations will be determined and communicated over the next week or so.

As always, you remain close in our thoughts and prayers and we promise to do everything possible to ensure success for your children and assistance for you.

With prayers,
The teachers and staff at Holy Family School

“It’s not the setback that matters, it’s the comeback.”