

March 19, 2020

Bishop Verot Families,

It seems as though these communications are becoming all too regular as they relate to the Coronavirus and its impact on our daily lives, including life at school. As always, however, I hope this communication finds you and your family well and adjusting to the changing lifestyle thrust upon us all. This afternoon I received the attached communication from Interim Superintendent Ben Hopper regarding further school closures through April 15, 2020. This decision is in line with the directive from the Governor for all of Florida's public schools, and recommendations for all schools. As such, we will officially begin distance learning on March 31, 2020. This will continue until we return to school, hopefully on April 16th. Students will have next week off (March 23 through March 30), but may have a book to read for their English class or work to do for an AP class.

I have sent several emails to students over the past week explaining what this distance learning format will look like. I know the influx of emails and changing dates may be confusing, and for that I apologize. Just so you know, we are aware there will be a learning curve involved and will be patient with students as we undergo this transition. I ask that all of you are patient with your child's teachers as well. While we are fortunate to have Canvas as a means of communicating and collecting work, this is still uncharted territory.

So you are aware, students will be expected to check in with all of their teachers twice a week during a scheduled time (I will include the schedule below). These check-ins will be done using Google Hangouts (the app on their iPad says "Meet") and the teacher will take attendance. We are required to have some sort of daily attendance, so this will be it. If there is some reason your child cannot check in, it's imperative they communicate with their teacher. In addition to the required check-ins, teachers will be available for additional tutorial help or they may schedule a time for a test or quiz outside the check-in times. Schedules for all of these are below. Additionally, teachers have been asked to have all work due on a weekly basis rather than a daily basis. This will allow students some flexibility depending on what is going on at home. The due dates will vary by subject. Again, the schedule of due dates is below.

In addition to completing school work in this distance setting, I've also been speaking with Father Casey and Mr. Kelly about the possibility of having some prayer services or Mass opportunities available for students, staff and families to join in remotely. While none of this is ideal, our faith and ability to pray together as a community is as important as ever.

Finally, our maintenance staff has been hard at work this week and will continue to work hard ensuring the campus is clean and sanitized when we do return.

Please know this is a fluid situation and there will be hiccups. I will do my best to continue to communicate with you as things change. Please feel free to reach out to me or to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

God Bless,

Suzie O'Grady