St. Anne Catholic School

Education Faith Service

March 14, 2020

St. Anne Catholic School Families, Faculty and Staff:

A communication was sent out late Friday that due to coronavirus and COVID-19, the State of Wisconsin has ordered that all K-12 schools be closed beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020 until April 6, 2020. This has since been clarified and closure will begin after 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 18th. As of this communication, St. Anne Catholic School will be in session as scheduled this coming Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

To begin with, please know that this past Spring Break Week our maintenance staff cleaned and disinfected our school building, especially high traffic and "high touch" areas. We will continue these measures and are providing recommended disinfectant supplies to teachers and staff to use.

While we fully expected to be back in school without interruption after Spring Break, I had met with the faculty before break to discuss preparing to develop instruction and learning processes and formats in the event of school closure. I have been communicating with our faculty this weekend and we will be meeting on this again Monday morning. We will be working with the students the three days we are in session this coming week to help them with this transition. We will be providing lessons and learning materials that will be age/grade level appropriate, educationally valuable, and user-friendly. The lessons will be teacher-directed and standards-based, but the delivery vehicles will include Google Classroom and Google Docs that our middle school students are already familiar with, online resources, learning packets, and traditional textbooks/workbooks with paper, pen, and pencil. Teachers will also be correcting and assessing student work and providing feedback. Your student's teachers will be in communication with you directly on this.

Our teachers will be accessible during normal school day hours between March 19-April 3. Teachers can be emailed at their St. Anne school accounts, and some may elect to provide a Gmail or other email address and phone number. Our school only has two phone lines so please refrain from attempting to contact teachers by calling school.

We know that parent and family lives will be significantly altered by this mandated school closure, and we will therefore try not to add to the stress. Hopefully parents will be able to provide a consistent learning routine during the school day, a designated learning workspace, and will check-in with their student/s to ensure that they are working on their assignments. As always, parent support, cooperation, and partnership and communication with our teachers is necessary and appreciated.

This is a novel situation for all of us. We will all be learning as we go and learning often involves mistakes. So patience, understanding, and care and concern for others will go a long way to get us all through what will likely be challenging times and situations. Please know that the faculty and staff of St. Anne Catholic School want the best for our students, and we will do our best to keep them learning and succeeding.

Please continue to check your messages/email regularly for any updates or changes.

Thank you, and God bless.

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