



# St. John Catholic School

*Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish*

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March 13, 2020

Dear Shamrock Family,

I am writing to you after thoughtful reflection and ongoing dialogue with public health agencies, our pastor and Diocesan leadership. Given the increased limitations on large gatherings and the positive impact of social distancing on reducing the spread of COVID-19, I am using this letter to inform you that St. John Catholic School will initiate a two-week, long-term dismissal to go into effect on **Wednesday, March 18th**. At this time, St. John Catholic School will be scheduled to resume normal operations on **Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**. During our time away from school, our teachers will implement a Distance Learning Plan through which ongoing instruction and learning opportunities will continue for all students. More detailed information regarding this Distance Learning Plan will be disseminated by teachers to students and parents early next week.

Please note, that as of March 13, 2020, NO student, faculty or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19 at St. John Catholic School. That being said, it is very important that you inform me directly if your child or any member of your immediate family tests positive for COVID-19. The following link from the CDC provides helpful information for you and your family to utilize at home: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/index.html>

### **Next week, St. John Catholic School will conduct the following school schedule:**

- Monday, 3/16- 11:00am dismissal with before and after school SEP available (NO Choicelunch)
  - Student Assembly in the morning to review Distance Learning Plan, Individual class conversations regarding Distance Learning Plan, Distance Learning Plan review and practice among students
  - 12:00-3:30pm Teacher Collaboration regarding Distance Learning Plans
- Tuesday, 3/17- 11:00am dismissal with before and after school SEP available (NO Choicelunch)
  - Distance Learning Plan review and practice among students and learning materials & supplies provided to students to take home
  - 12:00-3:30pm Teacher Collaboration regarding Distance Learning Plans
  - Digital teacher communication about Distance Learning Plans sent to students and parents by 6:00pm

*\*Students that do **not** attend school on Tuesday may pick up resources from the office between **11:30am-1:30pm on Tuesday**.*



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- Wednesday, 3/18- Long-term dismissal begins
  - No instruction or assignments delivered, but teachers available to students/parents via online platforms for communication purposes
- Thursday, 3/19- First Distance Learning Day
- Friday, 3/20- Second Distance Learning Day

As you know, this fluid situation evolves daily. We will actively monitor this situation and continue to follow the guidance of our public health agencies. Should any changes be made to the plan outlined in this communication, you will be notified as appropriate. Please know that, I, as your Principal, am in consultation with others in order to make decisions that consider both our community's health and well-being and the continuation of student learning. I am confident that while a distance learning approach may pose some challenges along the way, it is also an opportunity for our community to learn and grown in a new, perhaps in even a more profound way. As a community of faith, we continue to pray for all who are affected by this pandemic and believe in God's ever-present source of help and peace.

Sincerely,

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