

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to share some updates with you as we prepare for our extended closure from Monday, March 16 through Friday, April 17, and look with hope to our return to school and a normal routine later this spring.

As a reminder, students will be bringing everything home with them at the end of the day today. Our staff will assist students in ensuring they have everything they need during the closure period.

Families whose students have medication in the clinic: Medication does not have to be picked up unless you feel you will need it at home. If you choose to pick up medication, all medication EXCEPT Epi Pens and inhalers must be picked up by an adult. If you have questions about your child's medication, please contact the clinic today at chammersmith@st-hilary.org or 330-867-8720, #3. All medication left in the clinic is in locked storage and will be secure until school resumes.

Families whose students receive special services at school: Planning is underway to address student needs. We are in consultation with the Ohio Department of Education and the Diocese of Cleveland. Affected families will be contacted next week. Your patience is appreciated as we work out all necessary details.

Students in grades K-2 will be provided assignments to take home today that they can work on during the extended closure period.

Students in grades 3-8 will receive information by the end of the day on Monday, March 16 regarding their assignments during the extended closure period.

All students in grades K-8 will receive specifics regarding communication with teachers during the extended closure period by the end of the day on Monday, March 16.

Families who ordered hot lunches on dates during the closure period will receive credits to their accounts for those dates. We will begin online ordering for May/June as planned on April 1.

Families in need of technology assistance are asked to contact our Director of Technology, Mrs. Heuer, at kheuer@st-hilary.org by 3:00 pm today.

Families with incoming kindergarteners will be contacted next week about alternative plans in light of the cancellation of kindergarten screening.

We will continue to be in contact with you. Our regular Monday / Thursday mass emails will be suspended during the closure, but we will continue to update our school community as needed during this time. You can view all of our COVID-19

communications [here](#). At this time of year, we are also planning for the 2020-2021 school year, so you will see communication regarding details related to that planning in the weeks ahead.

We are continuing to take every precaution. Our maintenance staff will be deep cleaning our building during the extended closure period and will be disinfecting our building for the third time while students are out of the building. When school resumes, we will continue to be proactive and practice social distancing and eliminate large groups during our school day until all threat of illness in our community has definitely ended. We will communicate what this will look like prior to our return to school.

We are continuing to work and plan during the closure. Our staff will continue to be in contact with your children as much as possible. We want to keep lines of communication open with families during this time. Along these lines, we ask that if your family experiences contact with or a case of COVID-19, you please contact Mrs. Woodman at jwoodman@st-hilary.org so we can be aware and take necessary steps.

We again want to thank all of you for bearing with us this week as this situation changed at lightning speed, and we want to reiterate that we are here for all of you even during this period of extended school closure. Please reach out to us if you are in need of assistance. Please also remember to be supportive of one another during this unprecedented time. To support families in dealing with our extended closure, possible quarantine situations, and other issues related to the COVID-19 situation, please click the links at the end of this email for some resources provided by our school counseling office.

If you have a question about a concern related to the immediate COVID-19 situation that has not been covered in our communications, please email Mrs. Woodman, Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Sinopoli (jwoodman@st-hilary.org, dalexander@st-hilary.org, dsinopoli@st-hilary.org) on the same email and one of us will respond to you as soon as possible.

With prayers for the health and safety of all affected by this crisis, and with hope in our Lord Jesus Christ as we look ahead to the season of Easter and the promise of new life and a return to our normal routines,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Woodman
Principal

For more information on COVID-19, please visit the following websites:

[Center for Disease Control](#)

[Ohio Department of Health](#)

[Summit County Health Department](#)