

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As many of you have already heard, Governor DeWine issued an order this afternoon that all schools must close no later than the end of the school day Monday, March 16 through Friday, April 3. Therefore, our plan will be as follows:

TOMORROW, FRIDAY MARCH 13 WILL BE OUR LAST REGULAR DAY OF SCHOOL. AFTER STUDENTS ARE DISMISSED TOMORROW, ST. HILARY SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 16 THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 17. WE HAVE A TENTATIVE RESTART DATE OF APRIL 20, BUT THIS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE TO A LATER DATE, DEPENDING ON THE UNFOLDING OF THIS SITUATION OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. THIS CLOSURE IS TWO WEEKS LONGER THAN THE GOVERNOR DIRECTED DUE TO THE TIMING OF OUR SPRING BREAK AND THE FOUR DAYS THAT FALL BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR'S MANDATE AND OUR SPRING BREAK. UNLESS THE GOVERNOR EXTENDS THE CLOSURE PERIOD BEYOND APRIL 3, WE WILL USE CALAMITY DAYS TO COVER OUR CLOSURE ON APRIL 6-9, AND WE WILL HAVE OUR SPRING BREAK FROM APRIL 10 THROUGH APRIL 17 AS SCHEDULED. AS ALWAYS, SPRING BREAK WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AN INSTRUCTIONAL TIME. AT THIS TIME, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT WE WILL NEED TO ADD DAYS TO OUR SCHOOL YEAR AND EXTEND INTO THE SUMMER.

SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION TOMORROW, FRIDAY, MARCH 13. For tomorrow, we will follow the same procedures as today with students going directly to their classrooms after being dropped off at school. Morning Latchkey will still be available; however, those students will also go directly to their classrooms when Latchkey ends. Teachers will be in classrooms by 7:55 am to supervise students.

We will use our modified lunch and bus dismissal arrangements again as we did today. Parents who wish to park and pick up students at dismissal may do so provided they remain outside by the Jesus statue. Parents will not be permitted to enter and gather in the main hallway of the building.

Afternoon Latchkey will be available as usual.

Please note that Copley, Revere and Woodridge Schools will all be closed tomorrow. Some of these schools were already scheduled to be closed tomorrow for reasons unrelated to the COVID-19 situation. This means that St. Hilary School students who ride Copley, Revere and Woodridge buses will not have bus transportation tomorrow. Highland Schools are open tomorrow and will provide busing for our students.

Tomorrow, all students will need to bring everything home with them at the end of the day, including all books, supplies, 1:1 devices, medication from the clinic, gym clothes, etc. Students in grades K-2 will be provided assignments to take home tomorrow that they can work on during the extended closure period. To continue planning that has already begun this week, all staff will meet at school

on Monday, March 16 and further information will be provided regarding assignments for students in grades 3-8 by the end of the day on Monday. Specifics for all students in grades K-8 regarding communication with teachers during this time will also be provided by the end of the day on Monday.

Our staff will do their best to stay in regular communication with your children during the extended closure. Please understand this will not replace our regular instruction, but our staff has worked diligently to provide alternative instructional material. This is a fluid situation. These plans may change per further direction from the state level. We will keep you updated as information becomes available.

We are prepared to assist families who are in need of WiFi and/or devices for students to use at home during this time. However, we ask that you be respectful of the fact that this assistance is being offered for educational purposes, not to supplement what families may already have at home or to be used for recreational purposes. School-issued devices and Internet are to be used only for school-related purposes and all monitoring and filters will remain in place. We are asking that families in need of assistance with technology contact our Director of Technology, Mrs. Heuer, at kheuer@st-hilary.org by 3:00 pm tomorrow, Friday, March 13.

At this time, we have not been directed by the Diocese of Cleveland about weekend Masses, Lenten observances, or Confirmation. We will update further as we receive additional information. Kindergarten Screening will be cancelled for April 2 and 3. All families impacted by this will be contacted with additional information.

Above all, we want to ensure that our students, your children, are not frightened by this situation. We have been working hard at school to keep calm and maintain business as usual, and encourage you to do the same at home. Children take to heart what they see and hear, so please bear that in mind during the weeks ahead until this situation ends. We realize that the impact of these developments will be greater for some families than others. Please know that your St. Hilary family remains committed to supporting you during this time, and we ask that you reach out to us if you are in need of assistance. We will be providing you with updates as this situation continues to evolve. 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.

We ask that you continue to join us in praying for the health and safety of all affected by this crisis.

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

[Center for Disease Control](#)

[Ohio Department of Health](#)

[Summit County Health Department](#)

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Woodman
Principal