

Dear St. Hilary School Parents and Guardians,

As the situation regarding COVID-19 continues to evolve, we want to update you on the status of things as they pertain to the daily operation of our school. This afternoon, I attended a meeting of area school superintendents and administrators at which we conferenced with the Summit County Department of Health, and during that meeting we also watched Governor DeWine's press conference regarding COVID-19. While at this time we have not been given instruction to close, there was clear guidance given today on the limitation of large gatherings of 100 more people, and the expectation is that Governor DeWine will issue a specific order regarding this within the very near future. With that said, we will be heeding the advice of Governor DeWine and the Summit County Department of Health to limit large gatherings of people in our building. As we attempt to be part of the solution to slow the spread of the virus, we also want to limit the number of outside people interacting with our students and staff members.

**This means that effective tomorrow, until the threat of illness decreases, we will be making some changes to our daily routine:**

Students will no longer gather in the Multi-Purpose Room in the morning to await dismissal to classrooms. Students should proceed 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.

Students will eat lunch in their classrooms under adult supervision. Those students needing peanut-free accommodations may eat with one friend in the lunchroom as usual.

Students who ride buses will remain in their classrooms at dismissal until their buses are called, rather than gathering in the Multi-Purpose Room. Older students who serve as bus buddies may go to their younger buddies' classrooms to assist them.

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.

**In addition to these daily changes, the following larger changes will be in place effective immediately:**

Students will not attend Mass on Fridays until further notice. Alternative prayer opportunities will be held in classrooms.

Stations of the Cross scheduled for March 12 has been cancelled.

All field trips, retreats and presentations during the month of March have been cancelled. This includes the 7<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Borromeo on March 13, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade retreat and 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Maltz Museum on March 19, the Rachel's Angels presentation for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade on March 20, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Walsh Jesuit visitation on March 25, and the Breakfast of Champions for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades on March 31. We will evaluate events scheduled for April as the situation progresses.

Celebration has been cancelled for March 14. The event has been rescheduled for May 16. Please watch for additional information as planning continues.

At this time, Confirmation is still scheduled for March 21 unless we are directed otherwise by the Diocese.

Before- and after-school clubs will proceed as scheduled.

Sports practices will proceed as scheduled. Please be vigilant about washing clothing, equipment and especially hands after practices.

The typical school day will still be in session for the time being as we continue to rely on the guidance of our state and local officials. If the need to close schools becomes a reality, we are prepared with an alternative instructional plan to deliver academic materials that will be overseen by our teaching staff.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience, but out of an abundance of caution, we feel these changes are the best decision we can make with the information we have at this time in order to do everything we can to keep everyone in our community healthy.

As the situation changes, we will continue to provide ongoing communication.

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