



**SAINT THOMAS
THE APOSTLE**
ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Where Faith Inspires Hearts and Minds

March 14, 2020

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle School Community,

After much deliberation, discernment and prayer, the decision has been made to close school through March 27th. Thankfully, students took home necessary academic materials on Thursday afternoon (if not, the school office will be open Wednesday through Friday for parents to retrieve materials), and faculty and staff met Friday to create a grade appropriate implementation plan.

On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, we will begin posting student lessons via daily postings on the portal. This information will also be emailed to you. Students are expected to spend time each day working on the assigned lessons for all of their academic subjects. Specific grade level information and requirements will be included in the daily postings.

In addition to moving to distance learning, all school activities, sports and gatherings will also be suspended. The situation has been constantly changing and recommendations to the public are evolving on a seemingly hourly basis. We feel this step is in the best interest of not only our students, families and staff, but the greater community as well. We hope our school families will continue with excellent self-care health practices and social distancing. Please continue to encourage strong academic commitment and performance during this time. We know closing schools can present inconveniences to many, but we are hopeful that by doing this we are impacting risk for the spread of disease to ourselves and our neighbors in the community.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we navigate this new territory. We pray you all remain in good health.

Christ's Blessings,

Father Steve Kunkel, Pastor
Mary Coffman, Principal
Katie Zeches, Vice Principal
Annemarie Mansour, Preschool Director
Lisa Weisenburger, BSN, RN, School Nurse

*Our mission is to teach children the life and message of Christ
by instilling deep faith, academic excellence and a commitment to service.*
