



March 12, 2020

Dear St. Stanislaus School parents and families,

News outlets continue to report on the coronavirus both in the U.S. and abroad. We understand your concern, and we would like to keep parents informed of the school's response. St. Stanislaus School still continues to monitor the situation, working in consultation with the Diocesan Schools Office, Chicopee Public Schools, our state and local health departments, and the Center for Disease Control.

The most important information for you to know is the following: We have NO confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our school community.

- All school staff continues to reinforce proper handwashing. Students will wash hands (with soap and water) frequently during the day – when they arrive in the classroom, before and after breakfast, before snack and lunch, and after coming in from recess. Hand sanitizer is available in all classrooms, as well as wall mounted dispensers in cafeteria and gym areas. Teachers and our nurses will continue instruction on health and hygiene protocols including coughing and sneezing etc.
- Please know that we have, and will continue to be, diligent with our school facility cleaning. Student desks are disinfected regularly. Electronics – keyboards, iPads, Chromebooks are wiped down after every use.
- Maintenance staff is wiping down doors, sinks, desktops, counters, and disinfecting bathrooms and classrooms on a consistent daily basis.
- Our transportation company, Five Star, has increased the frequency of their cleaning practices on the interior of vehicles such as handrails and seat top surfaces.
- Sodexo, our food service provider, has updated their coronavirus prevention action plan as well.
- We respectfully request that families notify us if they travel out of the country.

Yesterday, the administration attended a Diocesan Schools meeting where we received the following information:

- It was reiterated that as we are a parish school, school closures are a local decision made jointly by the Pastor, Administration, and local health department in consultation with the Catholic Schools Office. It was also noted that this is subject to change as conditions change.
- The recommendation that schools consider canceling school- related activities that would result in large crowds.

We will take the following actions:

- The Cultural Fair scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2020 has been postponed.
- Parents are asked NOT to send in birthday treats until further notice.
- All field trips are closely being assessed. It is likely that some may be cancelled.

Once again, Chicopee does NOT have a confirmed case of COVID-19. Please know that we are committed to the safety and well-being of our entire St. Stan's community. The situation remains fluid and information changes daily. We will continue to provide families with information and updates. Should this situation change, please be assured that we have a plan for remote learning for our students. We appreciate your patience as we provide for the health and safety of all of our students.

God Bless,

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