

March 12, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We at Sacred Heart School are continuing to monitor the spread of the COVID-19 and are committed to keeping your children safe and healthy. We are also preparing for the possibility of a school closure, which we are HOPING does not occur.

Please note the following – just in case....

- Closures will be announced via our Parent Notification System, Option C. If you have recently changed your phone number or email address, it is very important that you call the office (610-373-3316) to update us.
- We were prepared for snow this year with “Flexible Instruction Day” work for our students. This was in case we had snow closures beyond the 4 snow days built into our calendar. As we used NO snow days this year, we still have those assignments ready to go for your children. Here is how it will work:
- Packets of schoolwork for grades K-4 are currently at a local printer. Tomorrow students in grades K-4 will receive the packets to complete and return to school. These packets may be supplemented by on-line work (for example, Mathletics) as assigned by your child’s classroom teacher, who will contact families as needed. Work will also be posted on your child’s class page.
- Students in grades 5-6 will have schoolwork posted online. Please check daily for updates.
- Please consider your child care arrangements in case of an extended closure.

This morning at faculty prayer we offered our prayers for all the “decision-makers” – those people who have the ultimate responsibility to make what we know will be controversial decisions, and for YOU –our families, who are juggling work responsibilities and unexpected childcare needs. Please know you remain in our prayers, and we are thankful in advance for your patience and cooperation as we navigate new waters.

May God bless you and bring you peace,  
Kathy Napolitano, Principal

March 11, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

With the growing number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania and with the potential increase in spring travel, we are preparing in anticipation of the virus spreading to our area.

As of now, our plan is to continue the normal operation of our school. However, if you are planning to travel internationally in the upcoming weeks, are currently out of the country, planning to go on a cruise, are currently on a cruise or if you knowingly come in contact with a confirmed infected person, we ask that you abide by the [Centers for Disease Control guidelines](#) for travel to CDC Level 3 countries. This will help prevent potential exposure to our community.

As per the guidelines, please self-quarantine for 14 days after returning from Level 3 countries, and inform the school of the quarantine.

While we recognize that the CDC is not recommending a 14-day quarantine following a cruise, they are recommending that you do not take them and that following a cruise, that you monitor your health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning to the United States. Given that we are an education entity, there is no way to limit your interactions with others if you would immediately return to school. Therefore, students will not be able to return to school for 14 days following a cruise.

Right now, for preventative care, the CDC is recommending frequent [hand washing](#), healthy eating, not touching your face, and the proper use and disposal of tissues. Additionally, they have valuable resources for what you need to know about COVID-19. Please [visit the CDC website](#) to learn about symptoms, how the virus spreads, prevention and treatment, steps if you are sick, and frequently asked questions. Additionally, if your child is experiencing cold and flu symptoms, please keep them home from school in an effort to not spread illnesses further.

Should we have a student or employee test positive for COVID-19, we will be notified by the PA Department of Health. In that case, we will inform our community, and our plans will change accordingly. This could include closing school, so please be considering childcare options.

Because this situation remains very fluid, we will continue to keep you informed.

May God bless you and bring you peace,  
Kathy Napolitano  
Principal