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Coronavirus COVID-19 UPDATE

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Dear St. Theresa Families,

As we continue to prepare and respond to the growing risks of the Coronavirus 2019, we would like to share our plans with you now, so your family can start planning and preparing as much as possible.

As the situation continues to evolve, we suggest that your family begins to plan in the event that school will be closed for an extended period after Spring Break. At this time, the Archdiocese has not posted an extended closure past Spring Break, but we want you to be as prepared as possible in case that changes.

Today, teachers are sending home textbooks, supplies and take-home packets (for lower grades) to prepare for a possible extended closure. Students DO NOT need to complete the work at this time. We will notify you should things change. Additionally, teachers have also been working very hard to prepare online lessons and activities for students should there be a closure. Families will have the option to complete the online learning OR complete the packets (students don't have to do both!). In the event that we close, we will send detailed expectations and procedures for how to access the teachers and learning platforms during the closure.

ALL staff and student families will be REQUIRED to complete a Travel Reporting Form BEFORE returning to school. You can access it here [STCS REQUIRED Travel Reporting Form](#)

Staff and students traveling to countries identified in the CDC's travel warnings must notify St. Theresa School administration and self-quarantine at home for a period of 14 days, returning only when symptom-free. This is also the protocol for any staff or students who may have been exposed to someone who tested positive for the Coronavirus. Absences for these students will be marked excused and home study work will be provided.

Countries with a COVID-19 travel warning Level 2 & 3: Italy, China, South Korea, Iran, Japan, Hong Kong...Europe!

The President just declared a State of National Emergency. As a school community, we have the power to make a difference. While we have never faced a situation like this, and we will certainly encounter unexpected challenges, we are here to support each other through it all. We are blessed to have such an amazing school family! We will certainly continue to communicate any information we receive. Be safe and have a wonderful Spring Break! St. Theresa, pray for us!

Blessings,

Melissa Ilski

Principal

St. Theresa Catholic School

"Imagine if we could make our response to this crisis our finest hour. Imagine if a year or two from now we looked back on this and told the stories of how we came together as a team in our community, in our state, in our nation and across the world. Your contribution to the finest hour may seem small, invisible, inconsequential—but every small act of 'not doing' what you were going to do, and 'doing' an act of kindness or support will add up exponentially. These acts can and will save lives. The Apollo 13 crew made it their finest hour by letting go of the word "I" and embracing the word "we." And that's the task required of us. It can only be our finest hour if we work together. You are all on the team. And we need all of you to shine in whatever way you can."

-Our Finest Hour- Gretchen Schmelzer

Important links:

[Letter from Principal](#)

[WHO declares COVID-19 a Pandemic](#)

[CDC Pandemic Preparedness](#)

[CDC Travel Health Notices](#)

[Latest Coronavirus Updates](#)

[TEA Guidance on Spring Break Travel](#)