



## *Our Lady of Mount Carmel School*

Good evening, families,

I would like to give you an update on our time away from school next week. Catholic schools have been asked to follow the mandate set forth by the governor that school is not in session next week. Although students will not physically be on campus, this break is not considered to take the place of the spring vacation at this time because students will be engaged in our Learn from Home plan. We will make further determinations about this as time goes on. As our governor noted, it is a day-by-day determination process and so it remains very fluid.

Over the past week and a half, teachers have been working on creating a Learn from Home plan for their classes. An overview of the Learn from Home plan is attached to this email. Your child's teacher will send out more specific instructions via email over this weekend. **Our Learn from Home plan will start Monday, March 16.** The goal of our plan is to provide a continuous learning experience for students.

In anticipation of not being in school next week, students were sent home with just about everything that they might need for virtual/at-home learning experiences. Some teachers may contact you about additional materials. Our school office will be staffed Monday from 8:30-4 if you should need to pick up materials or call with questions. I would like to take a moment and thank our amazing teachers for the extra time that they have put into preparing these materials. They go above and beyond each day!

We ask that all families please abide by the directives given by the Governor and the Rhode Island Department of Health, and not to use this school break as an opportunity to socialize and get together with each other. The intent is to limit social contact as much as possible in order to try to stay ahead of the COVID-19 virus and limit its spread. This is something that will be difficult for all of us, but hopefully, it will help us all to get through this crisis much more quickly.

Administrators, teachers, and staff will continue to be available via email if you have questions or concerns. In the meantime, we thank you for your understanding, your support, and your prayers. We will be praying for all of you as well. God bless!

*Jessica Walters*  
*Principal*

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, a Catholic institution, is devoted to the development of the whole student. We integrate spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical growth with academic excellence. We encourage our students to serve God and others as part of a strong, socially responsible, Catholic community. We strive to provide our students with example and opportunity in order to help them become intentional Disciples of Christ.*

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