

ST. BENEDICT
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Dear Parents:

The recent events and information regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has forced all of us to make some difficult decisions. St. Benedict School has come to the decision to close our school for a two week period beginning March 16th. Our anticipated return to our buildings will be scheduled for March 30th. This would limit the spread of this virus and allow deep cleaning of our facilities.

Our school is equipped to facilitate online instruction through various websites and educational applications. Teachers will be responsible for posting lessons in academic subjects on Sunday and Wednesday evenings (at minimum) for their students to complete during the normal school week. Teachers will be online and available to answer questions and assist with instruction Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm. In order for these days to count as official school days instruction must be evident for students. Students must submit activities and respond to teachers to demonstrate their attendance.

We are aware that many of our families have prepaid for EDP for the month of March. We will be posting credits to those families' accounts for the time we are closed. Mrs Laskowski will be emailing the EDP statements on Monday. The April Schedule request forms are due no later than Monday, March 23. You may email the days and pick up times to Mrs Laskowski, scan the form to her or drop the form and payment at the Parish Office. If you scan or email, please follow up with payment on March 30. The new April Schedule will start on Monday, March 30, the day the students return. Therefore, no schedule requests can be accepted when the children return. Mrs. Laskowski's email address is laskowski@stbenedictnj.org.

We are confident that in these trying times we will effectively educate our students and provide quality, Catholic education through the dedication and commitment of our teachers by implementing the technology we already have in place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Donahue'.

Kevin Donahue