



March 15, 2020

Dear Parents,

As we left school on Friday we had a plan going forward. Since then, things have changed dramatically. Governor Evers issued an agency order to close all K-12 public and private schools beginning this Wednesday, March 18. In response, St. Francis of Assisi Schools will close to students, effective Monday, March 16 through at least April 3. All after-school curricular activities including athletic practices will also be canceled from March 16 to April 3. Any plans for school after April 3 will be determined in the coming weeks.

St. Francis of Assisi faculty and staff will report on Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17 to prepare academic coursework to be available on a digital platform for virtual learning. All students have a school-issued Chromebook they will use for virtual learning. More information will be sent out to students and parents on what that learning will look like.

The middle school will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17 for students and families to pick up any medication, Chromebooks or other materials needed from their lockers.

- March 16-17: No School for students; faculty and staff to report to prepare academic coursework for virtual learning.
- March 17, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Parents and/or students pick up Chromebooks, books and any items from lockers like instruments, medications, etc.
- March 18-19: Digital learning for all students
- March 20: Teacher In-service – Input grades for 3rd Quarter
- March 23-April 6: Digital learning for all students
- April 6-13: Spring Break or potential re-opening of St. Francis of Assisi Middle School (TBD)

We understand that extended school closure will create hardship for many families. The school day is the centerpiece of the lives of many people. Children count on the reliable routine that schools offer as well as lunch and breakfast. If meals are an issue for you please contact the school office and we will let you know where free meals will be available in the city of Manitowoc.

The virtual learning experience is new to everyone involved. We will work with everyone to transition and operate in this environment in the most effective way we possibly can. Please contact me as questions arise. We will provide ongoing updates as necessary.

God's Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Thiele".

Steve Thiele
Middle School Principal