



Immaculate Conception School

April 17, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe. I wanted to give you an update on a few topics, the first being the Governor's latest proclamation regarding public schools and the Archdiocese of New Orleans' statement in response. The governor stated that all public school buildings will remain closed for the rest of the school year, but lessons and learning would continue until the last scheduled school day. The Office of Catholic Schools indicated that it is unlikely that we will return to normal session in May and will be working with individual schools to come up with a plan to bring closure to the school year, particularly for our 7th graders.

Our administrative team has already begun planning on how we might proceed, if allowed and under restrictions, with 7th graduation as well as having individual students or small groups return to school to return chrome books, textbooks, gather personal belongings left behind and say goodbye.

Again, let me stress that we do not know if any type of process will be allowed, and if so, what the timeline may be or what the restrictions will be. What I can tell you is that we are meeting, discussing and preparing so that we will be ready with a plan as our community begins to re-open.

This also goes for summer daycare (Nursery-PreK2), summer camp and summer enrichment program. If allowed, even with restrictions, we are planning on offering our summer programs. You may have received an ICS summer camp postcard. Although the dates and process will likely be revised, we do plan on opening as soon as we are allowed to do so. We know and understand that as the city and parish develop plans

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for reopening and begin reopening businesses, parents will be returning to work and will need child care. We also know that students will desire to return to a safe and familiar place- “a home away from home.” We want to be ready and available within the confines set forth by our local government and in the best interest of public safety.

I'd like to thank all of you, our wonderful parents for continuing to support ICS through prayer, well wishes, feedback and for continuing to make your scheduled tuition payments, as well as setting up tuition payments and loans for the 2020-21 school year. We understand that we are all in different situations and some of us are doing better than others. Some of our families have been temporarily laid off of work and are struggling. The Archdiocese of New Orleans COVID19 Tuition Assistance Application is now available ([Application Link](#)). If you are in need of assistance, please complete the application as soon as possible, attach supporting documentation and return to me, as the application does require the school principal's signature. As I mentioned some families are in a better situation than others, and some families may have availability of resources through their employment or community connections. The Archdiocese is accepting donations to help fund the tuition assistance aid. If you are able to help others at this time, please [CLICK HERE](#) for the giving page.

I will continue to keep you updated, and remember if you have any questions, need assistance, or wish to pick up or drop off school work or business office paperwork, the school office is open Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (Closed on Friday). I am always available by email or phone 504-347-4409. Stay safe and healthy!

Yours In Christ,
Kim DiMarco
Principal