



Saint Ann School

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Good Evening,

I wanted to present an update on our school planning in the event of school closure, which at the current time is not planned. Today 2 individuals who attended a private party at Princeton University were confirmed to have the virus. The individuals are from the Boston area but were in contact with members of the University community, as such it is important to share this information for awareness but also to keep you informed.

The State of New Jersey has instructed all public schools to formulate a plan for the continuity of education should extended school closure be required. Saint Ann School is not a public school but the Diocese of Trenton has the expectation that all schools abide by the 180 days of schooling, as such we are also planning for the scenario of an extended closure (up to two weeks).

A key to remember is that instruction away from the classroom is not a substitute for the daily teacher and peer interactions of the routine school day. Our plan therefore will focus on enhancing and maintaining learning as appropriate for each grade level. Today I met with representatives from each grade cluster to begin formalizing our plan should it be necessary to close for an extended period of time. I will be on a conference call with the Lawrence Township School District tomorrow and Thursday to gather further information regarding their handling of the situation as well.

Communications will continue to be completed through our current message systems – Constant Contact and SchoolMessenger as updates are necessary.

In the coming days I will send our plan to all families so you are aware of the expectations. Also, all homeroom teachers will be emailing to determine home Internet connectivity as well as device availability.

Thank you,
Salvatore Chiaravalloti
Principal