

March 13, 2020

From the Headmaster



I had a very nice version of my notes ready to go before it became necessary to cancel school for the next two weeks. Most of what I had to say is no longer relevant.

Let me thank all the parents who provided food and helped out with the Teacher Appreciation Lunch on Tuesday. The food was delicious and plentiful! And thanks to the parents who drove for the field trips this week. Students in 2nd and 3rd grade visited Central Library, and kindergartners visited Beech Grove Library. The trips were a big success!

School Closing March 16-April 6

This is the email I sent to parents last evening:

Lumen Christi will be closed beginning Monday, March 16, and is scheduled to reopen on April 6 after Spring Break. We will have a regular school day tomorrow, Friday, March 13.

This afternoon after the school day ended, the Office of Catholic Schools recommended closure of all schools in the Archdiocese through April 5. (OCS explicitly acknowledged that schools may hold classes tomorrow to prepare for the interruption.) Later in the afternoon, the Mayor of Indianapolis announced that all public schools in Marion County will be closed beginning Monday through April 5.

Assuming the closure is not extended beyond April 5, this means we will miss two weeks of classes before Spring Break.

We do not do "e-learning," but we intend to set the expectation that students are doing schoolwork while the building is closed. Teachers will use the day tomorrow as best they can to get students ready. We want them to do work that will allow them to make some good use of the time away and make some progress in their studies. What's possible will vary across grade levels and subject areas. Your children should have lots of books and other materials with them when they leave school tomorrow.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. (bcollins@lumenchristischool.org) Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Let me add that I had been monitoring guidance from the Archdiocese, and before the recommendation to close, our response to the coronavirus was to focus on better hygiene among students and disinfecting surfaces around the school. I want to thank the 7th and 8th grade students who completed a special cleaning of all the common areas in the building after school Thursday.

Let us pray for those who are sick and for their families, and that the efforts to reduce the spread of the virus will be effective.

From Our Development Director

In just two weeks we have sold 113 of the 210 seats available at Light in the City! Please purchase your tickets soon by sending in a check with your registration card or purchasing by credit card by clicking the banner or button on our website. You can also help publicize our dinner on Facebook by inviting people to our event. Our Raffle also begins today – please see the blue flyer in your Friday folder for details. Bourbon, Auction Items and Desserts are still needed!

I will communicate with parents during the time off school as developments warrant, and I look forward to seeing everyone again on April 6!

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