



# St. Michael Catholic School



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Dear St. Michael Families,

On Thursday March 19th, Governor Holcomb closed all schools in Indiana through May 1st, acknowledging that the closure could be extended beyond that date. The decision has been made that the school year will be completed using a combination of ELearning and “Flex”(waiver) Days issued by the Governor. The calendar of days will be communicated on a separate document and will reflect the schedule beyond May 1st should that be needed. The governor also canceled all statewide assessments including ILEARN and IREAD.

It is of the utmost importance that our students continue to learn during this time of uncertainty. We understand that all of our lives have changed and continue to change during this time period in our Nation's history, but keeping education in the weekly routine will hopefully help bring some normalcy to the students' lives. These are uncharted waters, and we are grateful for all of your patience and understanding in the coming months.

## **Student Work During ELearning Days:**

All student work K-8 will be assigned to the students using an online platform. Students will need to have a device such as an Ipad, Chromebook, or home computer/laptop to complete their work. Students in grades 3-8 should already have a device at home that they are using to complete this week's ELearning assignments. All weekly assignments will be due the following Monday by 8:00 AM. PK teachers will email parents online resources that they can access with their preschool child.

## **K-2 Students:**

ELearning without paper is new for students in K-2. Information about how to access student work will be emailed to K-2 parents by your child's teacher in the coming days. K-2 parents that do not have a device at home and wish to borrow a chromebook from school will need to come to St. Michael School on March 30th or 31st, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Please email Mr. Meyer [ameyer@smsbrookville.org](mailto:ameyer@smsbrookville.org) in **advance** to have a chromebook prepared for you to pick up at the A1 Main Entrance. Please note there will be a limit on who is in the building at one time, please use the buzzer system to enter the building.

## **Preschool Families:**

Preschool families who have already made payments for the days that school will be closed IN MARCH will receive a credit to their FACTS account. Any preschool tuition payments scheduled to be processed from your account on April 5th or April 20th will not occur. If you have already paid in full for preschool tuition prior to these events, you will receive a refund of any monies previously paid for the closure dates in March and April.

**Lunch Accounts:** Lunch account balances will remain in your child's account and if school ends up being closed for the remainder of the school year, your balance will be rolled over to the following school year. If you are not returning to SMS next school year, your balance will be refunded to you.

**Before/After School Care:** Payments made for before/after school care for the days school was closed in MARCH will be credited to your FACTS account. There will not be a FACTS billing for before/after school care in April.

If you have any questions about your FACTS account or lunch account, please contact Donna Weekley at [dweekley@etczone.com](mailto:dweekley@etczone.com).

**WiFi:**

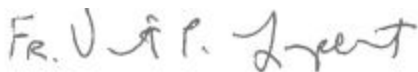
Enhanced Telecommunications(ETC) has created a FREE WiFi Hotspot in the St. Michael Parish Office Parking lot. To access the internet on most devices, go to Settings, search for WiFi options, and select ETC Complimentary Hotspot. All spots are open during daylight hours; evening hours vary by location.

**Communication:**

Communication between St. Michael School and parents/guardians over this time period will be Jupiter Email, the school website, and the St. Michael School Facebook page.

We are asking our students and families to practice social distancing, as recommended by the [World Health Organization](http://www.who.int). Thank you for all that you do for the students of St. Michael! Please pray for the safety and well being of everyone in our community and around the world.

Fr. Vincent P. Lampert, Pastor



Mr. Ashley Meyer, Principal

