

HOLY SPIRIT

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

March 13, 2020

As I am sure you are all aware, Governor Evers ordered the closure of all K-12 Wisconsin schools, public and private, as part of our efforts to respond and contain the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The mandated closure will begin on Wednesday, March 18th throughout Wisconsin, with an anticipated re-opening date of Monday, April 6th. At Holy Spirit Catholic School, classes **will be held** on Monday, March 16th, and Tuesday, March 17th and from there we will be transitioning to alternate learning platforms until at least April 6, 2020. There will be no face-to-face classes during that time, as students will be learning from the safety of their homes.

We do not take this decision lightly and we recognize the hardship this places on families. At the same time, we must protect the common good and take steps to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Our Catholic faith also compels us to consider and protect those most vulnerable in our society.

Holy Spirit's decision aligns with similar measures being taken by neighboring schools. On Monday, March 16th, and Tuesday, March 17th we will be preparing students for the transition to online learning and/or learning activities at home. As a parent, you make the final decision on whether your child should attend school on those two days. Please consult with your healthcare provider for their recommendations if you feel your child is at greater health risk for contracting the COVID-19 virus. Currently there are no confirmed cases of anyone with the COVID-19 virus at Holy Spirit Catholic School or in the Kimberly Area School District, which is the public school district where Holy Spirit is located.

All school activities are postponed beginning March 18th until further notice, until at least April 6, 2020. This includes sporting practices and events, field trips, school family activities, concerts, etc. We will be diligent in following through with all recommendations made by our local, state, and national health departments.

Visit the following links for more details: [Outagamie County Health Department](#), [Calumet County Health Department](#), [Centers for Disease Control](#) and the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#).

We will continue to closely monitor local and national events regarding COVID-19 and will provide updates on a regular basis at www.holyspiritknights.org.

Thank you for your support as we navigate this challenge. We encourage our Holy Spirit Community to support one another in every way possible. Please continue to pray for those stricken by COVID-19, as well as those who are treating patients and working to limit its spread.

Sincerely,

Mike Zuleger