March 18, 2020

Dear Regis Middle School Community,

Please read the following updates. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me at jgredys@regisroyals.org. We are all working hard to be on top of communication with you and are continuing to work as a team to bring you consistent and accurate information amongst our schools.

**Xavier Catholic Schools: Communication from Teachers Regarding Learning Coming on March 25th**

We want to let you know that all Xavier Catholic School teachers will be meeting on Monday, March 23rd and Tuesday, March 24th via web conference to develop plans for learning during our closure. Families/students should plan to hear from teachers on Wednesday, March 25th with guidance on how we will be proceeding. We want to reiterate that our Xavier Catholic School administrators and teachers will be working collaboratively across our local Catholic school community (by grade level and subject area) to develop this guidance. As mentioned in our update from yesterday (3/17), we are committed to moving forward with learning opportunities and support to ensure that students are prepared for when they return. More info will also be shared on Monday on how the pickup will work for next Wednesday which is currently scheduled for 10:00am to 12:00pm for students to come and pick up any belongings or materials they may need.

**Xavier Catholic Schools: CR Schools Offering Free Breakfast & Lunch for Students**

Eight schools in the Cedar Rapids Community School District will begin to offer free breakfast and lunch for pick-up beginning Monday, March 23. Students 18 and younger can pick up breakfast and lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Mon-Fri) at the following elementary schools as well as Roosevelt Middle School for free:

- Arthur
- Grant
- Grant Wood
- Hoover
- Wright
- Taylor
- Nixon

**A Word of Thanks**

As we wade together through these uncharted waters, the administrators of Xavier Catholic Schools would like to extend to our families and staff our heartfelt appreciation. This is an unprecedented situation for everyone, and it obviously presents many challenges. It is often said that a community shows its character, or maybe better, its virtue when challenging situations arise. If this is the case, the Catholic schools in Cedar Rapids are blessed with a community full
of particularly virtuous people. While our staff has been encouraged to try to relax this spring break, they are gearing up to serve and lead however needed. Our families have expressed so much appreciation and support for the staff as they discern how to best provide growth opportunities for the children while we socially distance ourselves. All of this is being done, of course, with safety and our children as our top priorities. Thank you for your partnership in this most blessed, and sometimes most challenging, work of raising up these children entrusted by God to us all!

A Few Resources

Our faculty will soon share resources for children to grow. Until then, we thought that families might appreciate some resources to continue to develop as people of faith and joy. Toward that end, please consider the following resources for your family.

Word on Fire Ministries: Daily Mass with Bishop Barron

9 Ways go Stay Positive During a Pandemic

As mentioned in previous communications, we continue to meet on a daily basis and work collaboratively to keep you updated as new information becomes available.

Facility Access

As a reminder, all school facilities (indoor and outdoor) are closed. This is a critical step in keeping our buildings and grounds clean. Staff and teachers can currently access facilities to retrieve items with proper administrative approval AND will be logging in and out of the building, noting locations/areas they were in, dates/times of access, etc. This also will assist our maintenance staff with necessary additional cleaning efforts that will be ongoing.

Regis Upcoming Events

Both Matt Svare, our Associate principal, and myself have worked together throughout the last few days on this topic. We are currently making decisions as they relate to upcoming school events (beyond our closure time frame as it is currently scheduled). Information regarding any cancellation/postponement of events will be communicated in a separate email once all decisions have been made. All events within the timeframe of the current school closure (until April 10th) are cancelled.

Sincerely,

Josh Gredys, Principal, Regis
Brian O'Donnell, Principal, St. Pius X
Megan Boomgarden, Principal, All Saints
Amy Conlon, Principal, St. Matthew
Casey Kettmann, Principal, St. Joseph
Heather Williams, Principal, St. Jude
Zach Zeckser, Chief Administrator, Holy Family
Angela Olson, Principal, Xavier
Chris Mccarville, President, Xavier