

Dear Families,

IMPORTANT: COVID-19 Prevention

The Iowa Department of Public Health recommends that Iowans who have returned from traveling outside the state for business or vacation in the last 14 days voluntarily self-isolate for 14 days following their return and monitor for fever and other symptoms.

Reporting COVID-19 Exposure

If you have confirmed exposure (i.e. via travel, family member), are in self-quarantine for any reason, or have received a diagnosis of COVID-19, please contact Peggy Brady at pbrady@sjsmarion.org. We are tracking the disease in our school community in cooperation with Linn County Public Health. This information will be kept confidential.

Learning

Xavier Catholic Schools teachers met this morning and will be meeting again tomorrow to finalize plans for learning opportunities for students. Tomorrow we plan to send families a general example of what these learning opportunities will look like at the various levels (elementary, middle school, high school). To ensure our students are continuing to feel connected and supported on a social, emotional, academic and spiritual level throughout this closure, teachers will be reaching out at least once per week to check-in with families/students. Specific plans will be given on Wednesday and then Mondays to follow.

Morning Announcements

We are going to continue doing morning announcements as best we can. We will do it daily at 9:00 via Facebook Live. If you don't follow the school Facebook page, you can do so by searching St Joseph Catholic Church, Marion. We will do prayer, recognize birthdays, and a few other fun surprises. Join each day if you are able.