

March 17, 2020

St. Clare of Montefalco School Community:

The St. Clare of Montefalco School buildings are closed and calendar has been adjusted to implement Distance Learning with our young people. You all need to know what I witnessed the past few days.

St Clare staff and families united to respect the process undertaken to create virtual learning, the new way to deliver lessons to our children. The Archdiocese of Detroit provided multiple NCEA applications and links for teacher to use in their daily lessons. Staff rallied around each other making sure they could accomplish all that was needed in a short period of time. Daily lessons were created for electronic delivery and learning packets were put together for every child from PK through GD 8 in our school. Families will come to school on Sunday, March 22 to pick up their Distance Learning Packets. Beginning Monday, March 23 teachers will be available live between 9:00 and 2:00 to communicate with their students virtually.

While teachers were preparing lessons and packets support staff purchased, boxed, and delivered food to our most vulnerable families. Along with those deliveries a few families were loaned iPads with connectivity provided by Sprint so that their children would be able to participate in our new learning platform.

The school building along with the Sweeney Center/Gym will be in a total shut down mode as ABM Professional Janitorial Services completes a deep clean of the buildings. The Co-op is closed and is following the timeline of the Main School. No one is to access the Main School or Sweeney Center until the AOD states schools are open again.

All I can say today is that it has been a privilege to be part of the St. Clare of Montefalco School Community. I look forward to continuing communicating with you around what is happening in our learning community as this new Distance Learning unfolds. Here are a few important things you all need to know.

- **March 16 - March 20** New Spring Break for St. Clare of Montefalco students
- **March 22:** 10:00 - 3:00 Distance Learning Packets passed out at Mack Entrance Doors
- **March 23:** Distance Learning begins for St. Clare of Montefalco Students.
- **March 23:** Main School and Gym/Sweeney Center totally locked down for deep clean
- **April 6:** Projected possible return of students. Buildings will remain in Lock Down until AOD announces return. No one is to use the Gym for anything during this time.

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