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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'm writing to you in an effort to keep you updated on current information regarding the status of the school. Given the increased limitations on large gatherings and the positive impact of social distancing on reducing the spread of COVID-19, St. Felicitas will initiate a two-week, long-term dismissal to go into effect on Wednesday, March 18th. St. Felicitas will be scheduled to resume normal operations on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. **Please note, that as of 03/13/20, NO student, faculty or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19 at St. Felicitas.** That being said, it is very important that you inform me directly if your child or any member of your immediate family tests positive for COVID-19.

**A long-term dismissal does not mean that school is cancelled, we will be continuing the school curriculum using distance learning tools and techniques. Students will continue to learn the curriculum while they are at home.** You will be receiving more specific information about your child's grade level from your child's teacher on Monday. In order to partner with you at home to best serve our students, we will be using Monday and Tuesday as "hybrid days". On Monday, school will be in session for a minimum day. We will introduce and teach the learning tools to all of the students from 8:15 to 12:00. They will then be dismissed and expected to complete some assignments Monday afternoon at home. On Tuesday, we will utilize the same strategy. In the morning, 8:15 - 12:00, we will work with students to ensure competence with the online tools. Then students will be dismissed at 12:00 and will be expected to complete distance learning assignments at home. In addition, from 1:00 to 3:00 on Tuesday we will hold open office hours for parents and students to come and check in individually with teachers or Mrs. Williams for tech support, if extra support is needed. **Attendance on Monday and Tuesday is vital to your child's education. If your child is healthy please send them to school. We are still utilizing all of our precautionary methods. Their practice at home on Monday and Tuesday afternoon is also vital!**

I know that this situation is not ideal for many of our working families. Please know we are here to support you in any way we can. Remember that we are working to do our due diligence to manage this pandemic before it overwhelms our health system and becomes even more dangerous for our community. Being proactive is always the best strategy! It is of the utmost importance in order for this school closure to be effective in controlling the spread, that you limit exposure for your family and practice social distancing at home during this time. The following link from the CDC provides helpful information for you and your family to utilize at home: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/index.html>

As you know this fluid situation evolves daily. We will actively monitor this situation and continue to follow the guidance of our public health agencies. If any changes are required, you will be notified and updated.

Holding you all in prayer,

Meghan Jorgensen,  
Principal of St. Felicitas Catholic School

*"...with God all things are possible." – Matthew 19:26*