



March 17, 2020

Feast of Saint Patrick, Bishop

From: David Dean, Superintendent

To: Principals, Faculty and all Parents of Catholic Schools Students in the Diocese of Tulsa

Re: Extended Break due to COVID-19

MEMORANDUM

The safety and well-being of our school children and families are of the utmost importance to the Diocese Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma. We know that any action we take may cause some disruption to our families, but we believe these measures will assist in decreasing risks to our community.

All Diocesan Catholic elementary schools and preschools will remain on an extended spring break through Friday, April 3, 2020. There will be no classes held on any diocesan elementary school campus during this time. Students are anticipated to return to their respective schools Monday, April 6, 2020.

Beginning Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Bishop Kelley High School (BKHS) will initiate BK Distance Learning. BKHS will send further guidance to all parents, guardians and students today.

We know this is a difficult time for many of our families. Please know that our principals, our teachers, and all those involved in our Catholic schools are here to support you and your family. We encourage you to use this time as a family to deepen your relationship with Christ, to allow Him to remain at the center of your daily lives and to strengthen your family and the Domestic Church (CCC n. 1655-58). Please include in your prayers those afflicted with COVID-19, those who may be afflicted in the coming weeks, all healthcare workers and those who are the most vulnerable in our community. We continue to ask Our Lord for an end to this pandemic.

We are committed to providing families with additional information on a regular basis. If further changes are needed, we will communicate that information on or before April 3, 2020. We appreciate your patience, peace and understanding as we navigate the uncertainty of the days and weeks ahead.

St. Corona, Patroness of Pandemics, pray for us.

End of Memorandum