



DIOCESE OF PALM BEACH
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To: Catholic School Employees and Families
From: Office of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Palm Beach
Date: March 13, 2020
Re: Catholic Schools Operated by the Diocese of Palm Beach Located in Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin Counties **CLOSED EFFECTIVE MARCH 16, 2020**

As we indicated in the memorandum sent earlier today, Catholic schools in each of our four counties will work in concert with the county public school districts. The following additional protocols are being implemented effective immediately:

All Catholic schools operated by the Diocese of Palm Beach located in Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin Counties will close for students beginning Monday, March 16, 2020. This applies to the schools of the diocese listed below (Please note that Hope Rural School is a private school independent of the diocese and will make its own decision.)

Catholic Schools Operated by the Diocese of Palm Beach in Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin Counties:

High Schools (1)

John Carroll High School

Elementary Schools (3)

St. Helen Catholic School

St. Joseph Catholic School

St. Anastasia Catholic School

Please note that these school closures are tentative through Friday, March 27th. **Monday, March 30th will be a teacher workday with no classes scheduled for students.** Administrators and teachers have been preparing for the possibility of closure by developing procedures at each school on how to deliver virtual instruction to students in age-appropriate ways. In the event that our schools are unable to re-open following spring break, further details on virtual instruction will be forthcoming.

Extracurricular activities and sporting events, including practices, are canceled effective on Monday, March 16.

It is of utmost importance that we make every effort to work together for the good and health of our children and families. It is expected that families will limit interactions with others and practice social distancing as a means to prevent the spread of coronavirus in our communities.

The Diocese of Palm Beach is continuing to closely monitor the developments related to coronavirus (COVID-19) and is taking proactive steps to address a number of concerns. During this development, and as always, the safety of the Diocese of Palm Beach employees, volunteers, school parents/guardians, students and the community are a top priority. The Office of Catholic Schools is monitoring the situation through a number of agencies and entities that include the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Florida Department of Health, County Departments of Health, as well as public and other private schools and educational entities.

Updates regarding coronavirus and its impact on the schools of the Diocese of Palm Beach can be found on www.DiocesePBSchools.org.