

March 12,2020

Dear Parents;

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton held a news conference on the coronavirus today. Acton said they expect the virus to peak from late April to mid May. "We must treat this like what it is and that is a crisis," DeWine said.

The governor also said **all schools will be on an extended spring break, beginning the end of school Monday March 16 and lasting until April 3. It applies to all K-12 public, private and charter schools.**

In light of this directive from the Governor, here is what our plan will be moving forward: We will be closed from Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> and return back to school on Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> **providing it is safe to return to school. It maybe longer.**

We will have a full day of school tomorrow Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have our All School Mass @ 8:15 a.m. We will not have Stations of the Cross in the afternoon as this will allow time to have students gather their things and for the teachers to give the students what they need without being rushed . We want the students to take some of their books home with them when they leave for the day.

We will have full day of school on Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>. We want the students to take the rest of the books home and they will get their assignments for the next **three** weeks.

Teachers will have "office hrs" from 8 am-3 pm so students can get online assistance/parents can email them. Teachers will answer e-mails however please know that they may respond to your emails within 24 hrs so their response to you maybe outside those "office hours".

[If you do not have Progress Book set up by now, please email Cindy Birck at cbirck@stdominicdelhi.org.](mailto:cbirck@stdominicdelhi.org) She needs to give you your log in information so you have access to Progress Book. You will receive some of your child's assignments from their teacher through Progress Book. Your child is expected to keep up with their assignments so that when we return to school all work is completed.

Teachers will communicate to you via either Class DoJo, Progress Book, and E-mail. Regular communication back and forth will be the expectation from my staff to you and you to my staff.

If your child does not have internet access, please let his or her teacher know so they can provide alternative assignments.

There will be no bus service from Oak Hills and First Student (CPS) on Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Before and After School will be open both tomorrow Friday 3/13 and Monday 3/16 in the morning 6:30-7:50 a.m. and 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Today we received word from Parky's Farm that the third grade field trip is cancelled for tomorrow Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>. Parents will be refunded their money for this trip.

On Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> The Service Club mtg is cancelled after school. This will be rescheduled.

All extra curricular activities including Athletics, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, PTO, etc. will also be cancelled during this time period. I will send out information about Athletic events in tomorrow's Parent Press.

Our Camp Kern Trip for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders is on hold for now.

The auxiliary staff of Dr. Romanello, Mrs. Pater, Mrs. Scheckel, Mrs. Schwarz, and Mrs. Boyd are willing to help support in any way they can with classroom assignments, advice, or other concerns you and your child may have.

The teachers will be talking to the students about our situation and why we are taking the steps to keep them safe.

I realize this disruption in your child's education is concerning and very disruptive to your family's life. I encourage you to have your childcare plans ready. We stand ready to help you in any way possible. With God all things are possible. We will get through this together as we support you and you support us. Despite these challenges, we will get through this difficult time together.

I will be putting additional information in the Parent Press tomorrow and will send you updated information as I receive it.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Cavanaugh

