



# St. Augustine School

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March 13, 2020

Dear SAS Families,

As you are aware, the staff and I are currently planning for an extended closure through April 5 per the Governor Whitmer's executive order. The staff and I are meeting today and Monday to prepare and finalize home based/online education plans; as well as having our maintenance staff continue to deep clean our school buildings. As of right now, we will be returning to school on April 6, 2020. I have been advised to make the necessary calendar adjustments to move our Easter Break to comport to the request made by the governor and it is imperative that all schools adhere to this important request.

Therefore, the following will take place for our school:

- Spring break for students will take place March 16-20.
- There will be no expectation for students to do home based/online school work during that time.
- During that time, teachers will be planning and finalizing their plans to continue instruction online during the extended closure.
- During the week of March 16-20, we will communicate with you regarding our plans to continue instruction online and what you need to know in order to help facilitate this in your household.
- Students will be expected to begin their home based/online school work NO EARLIER than 8:00 Monday, March 23. At this time, instruction is scheduled to conclude on Friday, April 3.
- If there is no extension or modification of Governor Whitmer's order, students will return to school on April 6-8 followed by two days off for Holy Thursday and Good Friday (April 9 and 10).
- Students and staff will return on April 13 for their first full week of school.

We have made the following times available for parents to pick up their student's textbooks and personal belongings (snow pants, boots, uniform items, etc) that may be in lockers or classrooms. We also have tuition contracts ready for you to pick up, since we had planned to send them home in students' Friday Folders today.

- Friday, March 13; 12-3pm
- Monday, March 16; 8-3pm

St. Augustine Catholic School is in regular contact with the AOD Department of Catholic Schools, Macomb County Health Department, and Michigan Department of Education. If and when additional developments occur regarding Governor Whitmer's executive order and any additional changes regarding planned school related events, we will communicate them to you in a timely manner.

I understand that these changes present challenges for all of us. Our priority must be to keep our children safe and maintain some degree of normalcy regardless of the chaos surrounding us. The Archbishop has requested that we act out of an abundance of Christian charity during these times. Father Joe has requested that families continue to pray together at home and attend mass if possible. Our children learn from our reaction to events. If we truly believe that God is in control, our response should be to turn to him even more now than ever before. As we say as a student body each morning, St. Augustine, pray for us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Lenn", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Emily Lenn  
Principal