



St. Augustine School

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Dear SAS Families,

I would like to update you regarding the status of the following previously planned school events. Let me preface this by saying that this is still a rapidly evolving situation. I am sharing with you what I know as of today. As changes occur, the status of events planned for April and beyond COULD change. I will continue to keep you updated as I know more.

- **Athletics** (basketball, cheer, archery)- All events are cancelled, including the basketball tournament. No practices or games can take place. At this time, I do not have any information regarding track. If school is not in session, athletics will not be held either.
- **Open house**- Our open house that was planned for March 19 will be postponed. A rescheduled date has not yet been set.
- **Fish fry**- The fish fry on March 27 is planned for carry out only. Dining room helpers will not be needed. More information will follow regarding help needed to prepare for a carry out only format.
- **Mass**- Masses are cancelled until April 6. During this time, mass will be available online. Father Joe will be broadcasting Sunday mass on Facebook live at 9:00. There are other opportunities for mass that can be found here.
- **Kindergarten Night**- Kindergarten Night that was planned for March 25 will be postponed. A rescheduled date has not yet been set.
- **Science Olympiad**- The Macomb Regional Tournament has been cancelled. More information regarding this decision can be found here.
- **PTC Events**- Bowling with My Best Gal and Mom 2 Mom Sale have been cancelled. Rescheduling information is not yet available. There will be no PTC meetings at this time either.
- **Athletic Banquet**- The banquet has been postponed. A rescheduled date has not been set.
- **School Advisory meetings**- The meeting planned for March 24 will be held online. Members will receive more information by email soon regarding platform access.
- **Report cards**- The marking period will end on March 20 as previously planned. Work that was unable to be turned in prior to our closing due to absence will be excused. Grades will be cut off based on the last day that school was in session, which was March 12. Work turned in on or before March 12 may still be graded and entered into Teacher Ease; therefore, will count toward the 3rd quarter report card. Work that was assigned on March 12 and taken home for homework will be

excused. Students will not be penalized for outstanding work due to circumstances beyond our control.

- **8th grade Save Sex Program-** At this time, the program and parent meeting (scheduled for March 31) will not take place as planned. More information will come as we determine if rescheduling is possible. The program involved 3 schools; therefore, coordination among the schools will be necessary in order to reschedule.
- **8th grade trip-** Stratford has notified us that all performances have been cancelled. We are in the process of requesting a refund for our tickets and canceling the reservation for the charter bus. Refunds will be forthcoming pending other trip opportunities.
- **5th/6th grade camp-** At this time, a decision has not been made regarding 5th and 6th grade camp. Please plan to adhere to the previously set due date of April 6 for all camp documents and money. If the return date for school changes and/or Camp Tamarack cancels, further communication about this deadline will be given.
- **Other class field trips-** Any scheduled field trip during the extended closure will be cancelled. We will make an effort to reschedule if possible, but we are unable to reschedule any trips at this time due to the uncertainty of the situation.
- **Other committees-** Technology committee, Safety committee, and Marketing committee face to face meetings will not take place during closure. Necessary communication will take place by email to members of these committees.

Essentially everything is on hold. We are unable to reschedule anything at this time since there is so much uncertainty. This is certainly a challenging and unprecedented situation. If there is any blessing here, it is that we are being forced to spend time with our families! All of these changes exercise our patience tremendously. At least take the opportunity to slow down life, play board games together, go outside, and BREATHE. Most importantly, don't forget to pray. Here is a great resource from the AOD that is available for family time: [52 Sundays](#). As teachers wrap up their preparation for home based/online instruction to begin on March 23, please keep them in your prayers. We have had to learn new tools and a new way of delivering instruction extremely quickly. More information will be on the way as we finalize our plans. We are thankful to all for the generous donations received during our school fundraisers, which allowed us to upgrade our technology; therefore, making online instruction a possibility. God bless all of you and your families. St. Augustine, pray for us.

Sincerely,



Emily Lenn
Principal