



March 15, 2020

Dear St. Joseph Catholic School Families and Community,

After consultation with the Diocesan offices and other Catholic Schools in our area, we will be taking an Early Spring Break. This break will be from March 16-20. The school will be closed during these days and all school events scheduled during this time will be cancelled. In addition, there will be no classes held at school and all events will also be cancelled the week of March 23 - 27 as per the governor's announcement.

Our teachers will use the next few days to plan for at home / distance learning which will begin next week. Future plans for our school and potential at home learning days will be based on state, local and diocesan directives. We will share information with you as soon as we have firm decisions.

We do realize that this is going to be very difficult for some of our families and apologize that this could not be communicated sooner. As we are all aware, the current environment and messaging regarding COVID-19 is changing hourly. We are doing our best to stay on top of the changes and will communicate regularly with you.

If finding care for your child is a hardship, we will have staff on site on Tuesday only from 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM to help you. Please email me and let me know if you plan to have your child/ren here on campus on Tuesday. Please send them with lunch as usual.

Thank you for your kindness, patience, and understanding as we navigate these uncharted waters. Please pray for each other and our world during this difficult time.

**Peace,
Kathy Van Loan, Principal**

"Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go." —Joshua 1:9