

ST. BERNARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Learning with God's Guidance



March 14, 2020

Dear St. Bernard's Parents,

As a follow up to previous communications, I want to reiterate that the public's health and safety are paramount to the Diocese of Stockton and our school community. While there have been no confirmed COVID-19 diagnoses within our school, we want to ensure that we are acting with prudence and diligence for the best interest of our students, teachers, staff, and families.

We do understand the tremendous burden this may place on our families, and only after careful consideration and in light of the fluid nature of this pandemic, the Bishop has announced that all schools within the Diocese of Stockton, will suspend onsite instruction from March 16 to March 27, 2020. We plan to re-open school on March 30, 2020.

This closure includes any planned large gatherings that are not essential, including fundraisers, community events, and field trips. School buildings will not be open to children, parents, or community members during this time.

In preparation for this possibility, our teachers have developed remote learning plans to provide continuity in learning. The implementation of this remote learning model will alleviate additional school days being added to the end of the school year.

Yesterday, teachers sent students home with the books and essential materials they may need. Teachers will be sharing learning plans with students and parents via email and teacher websites. Over the course of the next two weeks, teachers will be monitoring students' work and providing feedback.

I would like to stress the importance of adult supervision during this e-learning experience. Students have been reminded of the Online Safety Technology Agreement they signed in the beginning of the school year. All online activity using teacher-designed learning tools must be school-related. There will be no tolerance for students who utilize video-learning tools inappropriately.

As we progress through this outbreak, I will be in communication with parents and teachers. Updates from the administration will be provided via email on a weekly basis or more frequently, if necessary. For questions regarding your child's assignments, please contact the teachers.

We thank you for your patience and prayers.

Peace,
Patty Paredes
Principal