



St. John Lutheran School

***“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear.”
Psalm 46:1-2***

March 13, 2020

Dear St. John Families,

I am sharing information with you about COVID-19 (the Coronavirus). All of the information is subject to change as best practice and protocols continue to evolve daily. Please continue to give your child(ren) daily reminders about healthy hygiene practices. Be assured that the school is taking measures daily to provide a clean and safe environment for our students.

Patients that have presented symptoms of COVID-19 have had a mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath. Some severe complications lead to pneumonia or multi-organ failure. If your child becomes sick, please keep them home and contact his/her pediatrician. COVID-19 is likely to spread to those who are in close contact through respiratory droplets produced when the infected one coughs or sneezes. Washing hands and keeping hands away from mouth, nose, and eyes is the best preventative measure. The Department of Health encourages social distancing at this time.

In the event that there would be school closure...

- Plan ahead for child care. The duration of a school closing is unknown at this point. It has the potential to be a lengthy period of time.
- St. John will contact you through Fast Direct and the Remind app.
- Teachers are preparing a “Distance Learning Folder/Packet.” Students should plan to work on academics daily.
- Students should keep the “Distance Learning Folder/Packet” in a safe place at home. Teachers will give specific directions, through email, if/when the time comes.
- Some teachers may ask the students to use Google classroom in grades 4-8.
- Teachers will share instructions through a daily email. Therefore, internet access is necessary. If you need to borrow a school laptop, please let the school know.
- Teachers will be available, 8:30 AM-3 PM, to answer questions emailed to them, using Fast Direct.

As you can imagine, we are going through a lot of Clorox wipes and Hand Sanitizer. If you are able to send some in with your child, that would be great. Students are washing hands often... after recess, before lunch, and multiple other times throughout the day.

We may each have our own thoughts on this virus and on how our family, school, state, and nation is responding to it. My hope is that the one thing we, as a St. John family, all share is our faith in a loving God, who is merciful and forever present. Proverbs 3:5 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.” We can be assured that God cares.

A prayer that can be shared with your family:

Dear Jesus,

You are the Master Healer and bigger than any illness or disease. We know that you walk beside us every day. Please heal all the people who are sick with the coronavirus and all diseases. Protect us all and calm our worries. We know that you are faithful. Please guide scientists and doctors to quickly find a cure. Thank you for all the people you place in our lives to help us. Bless us all with good health and protection. Amen.

Please contact your child’s teacher or katie_gundell@stjohnnt.com with any questions.

In Christ,
Katie Gundell