



COVID – 19 Education Bags

March 13, 2020

Dear St. Mary's Families,

We cannot thank you enough for your patience and understanding as we continue to wait for more guidance from the Governor's Office, the Ohio Department of Education, and the Toledo Diocese. Please plan to check your email as well as social media for the most up-to-date information as it relates to instruction, operations of the building/offices, and all other school matters.

St. Mary's will be closed from Monday, March 16, 2020 through at least Friday, April 3, 2020. Over the course of this three-week school closing, students will be expected to complete distance learning lessons provided by their teachers. Due to the fact that we were already scheduled to be off next week for spring break, the lessons being sent home at this time are reflective of the amount of work that would be covered over a two week period. These lessons are designed to align with what they are currently or would be doing in the classroom. All of these lessons and/or assignments will be taken for grades and will need to be completed upon returning to school.

Starting **Monday, March 23, 2020** and lasting over the course of this closure, our Teachers will be available to answer questions and help students through email from 8:00am to 3:00pm Monday through Friday. We know this is not ideal, but we pray it continues to allow our students to gain valuable educational experience and growth. **All Faculty and Staff emails are listed on the back of this letter.**

The School Office will be open starting **Monday, March 23, 2020** from 9:00am - 3:00pm Monday through Friday for the course of this closure. Please feel free to stop in if you have items that need to be turned into the School Office like, EdChoice Expansion Scholarship information, or if you need to pick up any school related material for your child(ren).

We will continue to keep informed of changes through our text alert system, Facebook, our School Website, Teacher's Class Remind Apps, and Email. We have attempted to reach all our Families via the email address that you have provided to us on your Beginning of the Year Forms. If you have not received a test email from us or have received a call from the school office asking for your email address, please contact the school office at 419-238-5186 or send your email address to Mr. Metzger at dmetzger@stmarysvanwert.com.

We are grateful for your patience and support as we work through this complex and rapidly changing issue. We know that this is new territory for all of us and a very challenging and stressful time. This is a proactive and preventative step that the Governor is taking to slow the spread of illness in our communities. This is a time where we are asking our students, staff, families, and community to be resilient and pray that we can return to our normal way of life soon.

Thank You and God Bless,
Mr. Dan Metzger
Principal