



March 17, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to you because of our continued commitment to the health and safety of our students, staff and community. Following updated federal and state guidance on Monday, March 16, 2020, CUES School System which includes All Saints, Holy Name, and Sacred Heart will extend its closure to help limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community. At this time, there is no tentative return date. We will work with state and local officials to reevaluate the situation every two weeks to determine the next steps going forward.

Please understand this decision was made after careful consultation with local and state officials, with health and safety at the forefront. In order to provide learning opportunities for children and families during this time, the following contingency plans have been established and will be available beginning Monday, March 23, 2020:

- Educational Resources and Learning Opportunities that include sample daily schedules, menus of activities that include online options, and learning packets will be emailed directly via batch email from sycamore by **EACH MONDAY morning**. Hard copies of these resources and opportunities will be available for pick up **EACH MONDAY** during normal business hours from **7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**
- One of the most helpful and beneficial activities you can have your child(ren) engage in each day is reading. Please encourage them to read to self, read to others, or listen to reading every single day.
- Using the information obtained from the Google Survey, we have ordered that number of meals for students and some extras. Each **Monday during normal business hours from 7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.** Those families that have requested meals may pick up the fixings for five breakfasts and five lunches per student in a recyclable bag to last the entire week. **If you were unable to complete the online google survey and are in need of a meal, email your building principal by the end of the day today**, so that we can see if we can add you to the list for meal pick up on Monday. If not, we will add you to the list going forward and provide you with information for local pantry options.
- At this time we will not be providing a check out system of ipads, tablets, or chromebooks based upon the small numbers of students that would actually need these. These families should plan on picking up the hard copy packets for each of their students on Mondays.
- This home resource will be available: Log in at: www.scholastic.com/learnathome
- Certified teachers will be available to answer questions via email for students and families between the hours of **7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday**.
- If you have school or classroom-specific questions, please contact your teacher or principal by email.
- Our schools will continue collecting tuition during this time for the following reasons:
 - Our teachers are working, some even longer hours now.
 - Many of our hourly staff have been working longer hours in preparation and response to the demands of extra cleaning, food service adjustments, and other unanticipated hardships.

- Tuition is not a ticket of admission or fee for services, but a participation in the Church's or religious order's support of a school and its future.
- The overwhelming majority of paid tuition is compensation for the people who make it happen, and we are trying to maintain income for an already underpaid group of workers.
- If you have difficulty making your tuition payment during this time, please reach out to your principals to make arrangements.

Please know that while we do not have a tentative date for return, we are taking into consideration all of the information we can possibly attain and making the best decision for all children, families, staff, etc.

It is important at this time that we invite the Holy Spirit into this situation. It is important that we all work together with grace and compassion, as this is an unprecedented situation.

We thank you for your continued support and prayers for our entire community.

Blessings,

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CUES Culture Statement

The CUES School System at Holy Name is rooted in Catholic Faith and Values. We share God's love, kindness, and excellence.