

From the Principal

As we continue to navigate this fluid situation, we thank you for your support and patience with us. Schools, students and parents throughout the nation are working diligently to figure out the best way forward in these unprecedented times.

As we have previously communicated, school will be closed next week and we will begin distance e-learning on Wednesday, March 25th. We will communicate with our parents on the afternoon of Monday, March 23rd, the preliminary specifics of how this process will work and what you can expect. Part of this plan will be times for parents to pick up any resources, if needed, on Tuesday, March 24th between the hours of 10:30am and 3:30pm. We will be staggering the pick up times and are currently discussing the best and safest way to make this happen. **An email with all the details will be coming on Monday, March 23rd.**

As our learning will soon be moving to e-learning, we want to ensure that each SJB student in grades 3-8 has a device to use in order to successfully complete their work. If you have a student(s) in grades 3-8 and do not have enough devices at home, please fill out the Google form by clicking on the link. A device will be made available to your child(ren) next week during our pick-up times for textbooks, etc. Please keep in mind that a "School Owned Device Agreement" will need to be signed by the parent/guardian before the Chromebook is checked out. [SJB Chromebook Request Form](#)

J-Care will be closed during the e-learning time for all families, however, if you are a healthcare worker, first responder or educator and you need child care while you are at work, please contact Alison Wacek at waceka@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 x1127.

There will be no e-learning for preschool next week. Preschool staff will be meeting and determining ways to stay connected during this time. If any families fit the criteria above (healthcare worker, first responder or educator) and you need care for your children, please contact Andrea Schroeder at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 x 1209.

As we all try to navigate this for ourselves and our children, Sara Belleau, our school counselor is available to our students. If your child is having a difficult time with this, please let us know and we can put you in contact with her. She also sent us resources for our parents as you try to help your children under-

Resources for Parents

CDC: Managing Anxiety and Stress
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/managing-stress-anxiety.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabo

Child Mind Institute: Talking to kids about the Coronavirus
<https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>

PBS For Parents: How to talk to your kids about Coronavirus:
<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus>

NPR Corona Virus and Parenting: What You Need to Know:
<https://www.npr.org/2020/03/13/814615866/coronavirus-and-parenting-what-you-need-to-know-now>

National Association of School Psychologists: Talking to Children about COVID-19
https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NASN/3870c72d-fff9-4ed7-833f-215de278d256/UploadedImages/PDFs/02292020_NASP_NASN_COVID-19_parent_h

stand and deal with the coronavirus pandemic. These resources are listed to on the first page of the bulletin.

As you may have heard, Masses, including those at St. John's, are suspended for the next two weeks. Below are some alternate options:

TELEVISION: Diocese of St. Cloud: Sundays, 11 a.m. on KSTC-TV/45; St. Olaf, Minneapolis: MCN Cable Channel 6, Sundays at 8:00pm and Mondays at 10:00am; EWTN: [Check local cable/satellite schedule](#)

RADIO: Relevant Radio 1330am: Sundays, 9 a.m.; EWTN: ewtn.com/radio/listen-live

ONLINE: Local Masses at [St. Michael, Prior Lake](#), [New Prague Area Catholic Community](#), and [Basilica of St. Mary](#)

NATIONAL RESOURCES: [Word on Fire](#), [EWTN](#), [EWTN \(Spanish\)](#)

Find other Catholic Masses online [here](#).

Beginning today, March 19th, Relevant Radio will be praying the *Litany in Time of Need* at around 11:05am daily. Relevant Radio can be found at 1330 AM. We ask you to pause and join in this prayer. A pdf version of this prayer was attached to the bulletin email and may also be found [HERE](#).

Again, we thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. We will continue to communicate with you as the situation evolves. We hope all our families are staying safe and healthy.

Ann Laird, Principal