

March 13, 2020

Dear OLW Parents:

Hopefully you all received the notification from the Archdiocese of Chicago this morning explaining the system wide school closure going into effect on Monday, March 16th. If you missed that notification, please see below.

[Archdiocese of Chicago School Closure Document.pdf](#)

As of now it is unknown when we will be returning to school. I will be monitoring the situation over spring break and be working to inform you as soon as possible once new information is received. Please continue to monitor your email as we will be using School Messenger as our main means of communication.

Teachers in will be sending home a number of materials with students today. All fifth-eighth graders will be bringing home their IPADS. This material will be used to continue learning while school is closed. Next week we will only be holding at home learning days on Monday-Wednesday (March 16th-18th) as Thursday and Friday were designated for conferences.

Parent/teacher conferences have been cancelled for next week. If you feel you can address any questions or concerns via email, you are encouraged to do so. If a meeting with a teacher is still needed, those can be arranged once we return back to school.

Teachers will be sending out information each morning by 8:30 explaining what work students need to complete each day. At home assignments will only be given from March 16th-March 18th unless the closure extends beyond spring break. Since this is our first attempt at E-Learning, there may be a few bumps along the way. Monday-Wednesday are considered work days for the teachers and administration, so we will be monitoring emails during regular school hours if you have any questions. All we ask is that everyone make their best effort to complete assignments in a timely fashion. There is bound to be a learning curve for everyone.

Additional Parish Information:

In case anyone misses information being sent by the parish, I would like to reiterate a few key points that have been shared with me. These changes come from the direction of Cardinal Cupich based on guidelines from local public health departments.

1. The Confirmation Masses scheduled for March 14th have been postponed.
2. Public Mass will be suspended until further notice beginning Saturday evening, March 14th. Priests will celebrate Mass privately for the good of the People of God, the church and the intentions of the day. Families are encouraged to view televised and online Masses.

All of these measures are being taken in the interest of prevention and public safety. Please continue to pray for the health and well being of all.

God Bless,  
Mr. David Wood