



Saint James Elementary School

Mrs. JoAnn Giordano, Principal
Mrs. Catherine Golden, Vice-Principal



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 23, 2020

Regarding: School Closure

Dear Parents,

First and foremost, I hope that you are all healthy. This past week has been challenging for all of us. I am sure that at some point we have all become overwhelmed with online learning—students, parents, teachers and administrators alike. Online learning is new to all of us and we are all learning together. As we continue to learn, instructional plans may evolve. We are lucky to have very talented and dedicated teachers who have taken on the challenge of online learning with a passion for delivering high-quality remote instruction just as they do in the classroom.

As you know, we are following the guidance of the New Jersey State Department of Education and the Diocesan Department of Catholic Education with respect to school closure and providing continuity of learning. At this time, we have been advised by the Diocesan Department of Catholic Education to remain closed until Monday, April 20, 2020. Easter vacation will begin as planned on Thursday, April 9th to Friday, April 17, 2020. During this time there will be no online instruction. For now, school is slated to resume on Monday, April 20, 2020.

This Friday, March 27th, I am requesting that teachers only assign religion and physical education assignments. Please check the e-board for your child's religion teacher and Mrs. Hall's for the assignments. I would suggest that you tackle the assignments as a family (yes, even the exercise assignment).

I ask for your continued support as we navigate through this newness. I have every confidence that we will all rise to the occasion, learn from each other, and more importantly stand united as an SJS family.

Stay safe, have fun, and thank you.

Sincerely,
JoAnn Giordano
Principal

Dear Lord give me the strength to conquer all that seems stressful in my life,
and to find peace within your light. Amen.

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference. Max Lucado