

March 13, 2020

Dear St. Margaret Mary School families,

By now you have heard that Governor Wolf has closed all schools in Pennsylvania until March 30. St. Margaret Mary School has been prepared for Flexible Instruction Days and have extended that to our curriculum during our shut down.

Today, all students were provided with instructions on their school work responsibilities. Please keep in mind that in order for these days to count, we must be able to take attendance. Students will need to show their attendance daily by logging into the website assigned or by sending proof of work completed to their teacher each day. A picture of the completed work attached to an email will suffice.

Here are some important things to keep in mind.

- Each day is like a regular school day. (March 20 is not a school day as was regularly scheduled off)
- Teachers will be available each day from 9 am - 3 pm to answer questions via email.
- Teachers will be logging attendance each evening after work is submitted.
- Work must be completed by 7 pm each evening.

For grades K-5: If your child has been assigned any paper or pencil work, please send a picture of the assignment to their teacher to show attendance for the day. If using websites such as IXL or First in Math, your child's log-in and completed work will count as attended for the day. Parents will receive email updates for assignments.

For grades 6-8: Attendance will be logged through online assignments. Tests/quizzes will also be given through Rediker or another format as assigned by the teacher. Teachers will be posting assignments on Rediker for each school day. Some teachers have already assigned long term assignments with due dates. Those assignments are due by 7:00 p.m. on the due date like the daily assignments. Parents and students will receive emails from the teacher with daily assignments and updates.

We did have several students absent today. Parents of students who was absent today will be able to pick-up textbooks and materials needed to complete their assignments on:

Saturday, March 14 from 10a.m – 12 noon

Sunday, March 15 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Our school office will be open daily during the closure from 9 am – 3 pm. Re-registration may be dropped off during those hours or mailed to the school at 2826 Herr Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103. We have extended the deadline for re-registration to April 1.

I would like to thank you for sending water bottles with your child today. While the students expressed much concern anticipating what could happen with school etc, we assured them that everything was being done for health and safety. We also added an extra recess this afternoon for everyone to enjoy the beautiful weather and have fun.

Please keep in mind that this is the first time we have done something like this and it may not be perfect. We may need to tweak as we work through this and ask for your patience if tweaks are needed. I will continue to update with any changes or directives from the diocese. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Pronio