

March 15, 2020

Dear Parents:

Due to the increasing COVID-19 pandemic and recent developments in guidance from public health, state, and local leadership, we will be suspending our classes from March 16 through 31. Based on the recommendations of officials and reflection among our leadership here in the Diocese, we believe this is the most necessary course of action to meet our obligation to the common good of our students, families, and communities.

The following paragraphs outline how we will handle remote learning during this time away from school. Although there will be no student attendance on Monday, March 16, we are aware that students may need materials that they left at school. SASJCS Lower Campus will be open from 7:00am until 3:00pm for parents to pick up materials that students did not bring home. High School students should call the lower campus office (803-459-4215) to make arrangements to pick up materials.

Students in grades 5K through 8 will receive assignments through Class Pages on our school website ([www.sasjcs.com](http://www.sasjcs.com)). Students should check the website each morning to get their assignments for the day. Students will need ALL textbooks, workbooks and other materials provided from the teachers for the time of the school closure. The school will be open on March 16 from 7:00am until 3:00 pm for parents to retrieve necessary materials from the school. Parents unable to get to the school during these hours tomorrow should call to discuss other arrangements with the principal. ALL work must be turned in on the first day that students return to school in order to meet the requirements for remote learning.

Students in grades 9 through 12 will receive assignments through their school email account. Students should check their accounts each morning to get assignments from each of their teachers. High School students should have all of their material with them at this time. If any student needs to pick up material, please call the lower campus office to make arrangements with the principal for retrieving materials on March 16.

If your child or children need to come to school tomorrow to gather laptops or school assignments, we will be open until **3:00 p.m.**, the end of our normal school day. We will not re-open until April 1, at the earliest. High School students should call 803-775-3632 to make arrangements for retrieving materials on March 16.

Regarding online learning, major internet service providers, including Comcast and Charter, have expanded their offerings to make sure more students and families have access. Charter will offer free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription and at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll, call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households. Comcast is removing data caps and opening up their nationwide network of Xfinity Wi-fi hotspots free for the next 60 days.

Officials with our school, alongside those in the Catholic Schools Offices, will continue to closely monitor this evolving health crisis and remain committed to keeping you informed. We will communicate with you as needed in the upcoming days and weeks.

The Diocese of Charleston has launched a special website that will include updates and information about the coronavirus. You can visit that at <https://charlestdiocese.org/office-of-multimedia/covid-19-response>

Peace in Christ,

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