March 13, 2020

Dear St. Joseph Academy Families,

As coronavirus continues to spread, I know that we all have growing concerns about the health and safety of our families. I share your concern. Please know that the health and well-being of our St. Joseph Academy (SJA) students, staff, families and community are of utmost importance to us. We, along with our state and nation, are closely monitoring the outbreak of COVID-19.

We are depending on the guidance of public health professionals who are the experts in protecting the community during disease outbreaks. The CDC recommends considering school closures for 2-4 weeks when there is potential for significant staff and student absenteeism and for effective decontamination.

We know that being closed for two weeks will be a heavy burden on families; however, for the sake of long-term health and safety of all of our families, we have decided that at this point, St. Joseph Academy’s ECEC, School and CLC will be closed the weeks of March 16th - 20th and March 23rd - 27th with the possibility of extension. To-go meals will be provided on a daily basis, more details are forthcoming.

This is a difficult time and we are doing our very best with the information we have, at a time when information is changing quickly. We feel compelled to do our part to stop the spread of this virus in our community. Thank you for your patience and partnership as we work through this crisis together.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

For the Children,

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