

April 2, 2020

Good morning, St. Michael families,

Last night, Governor Pete Ricketts issued additional directed health measures for schools across the state to “...operate without students in their buildings through May 31, 2020. Extracurricular activities are also cancelled statewide. This restriction does not apply to school staff working in school buildings.”

While the staff at St. Micheal School is extremely sad and disappointed that we will not be able to be together to end the 2019-2020 school year, learning will and must go on. It is very important that students continue to engage deeply with the lessons teachers have provided, ask questions, and complete assigned work in order to be prepared to move to the next grade level. We understand that this change in learning environment means that when we resume school in August we will be prepared to determine students’ instructional levels, analyze what additional reteaching is necessary before introducing new grade-level objectives, and provide additional support for students who have not yet meet grade level standards.

The academic focus for the remainder of the school year is on LEARNING, and not on grades. We want students to make satisfactory progress in the curriculum and practice new skills taught. There will be myriad variables that impact the rate and degree of learning through our remote learning plan; please know that we understand and are sensitive to those realities. As a result, it is likely that summative grading will based on a Does Not Meet, Meets, or Exceeds Expectations and that a note of “COVID-19 Pandemic School Closure” will be added to student report cards and permanent records.

In the face of this disappointing news, we know unfailingly that Christ Jesus is with us! We will observe the holiest week in our Church’s liturgical year next week, as previously scheduled. There will be **NO CLASSES** on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Monday, and Easter Tuesday. Online learning will resume on Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

We miss you! On behalf of St. Michael School staff, we extend our warmest wishes and prayers to students and families for a most holy and blessed Easter. May the Resurrection of our Savior be a constant reminder of His love and promise of eternal life. Happy Easter!

Peace of Christ,

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