




March 12, 2020

Dear Holy Child Academy Families,

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we all strive to manage this unprecedented COVID-19 situation. Based upon the recommendations of local and state health professionals, particularly Governor Wolf's directives issued today, we have made the decision that tomorrow (Friday, March 13th) will be the last day of in-person instruction for HCA students with an anticipated return of March 30th. Faculty will use Monday, March 16th to finalize their plans for remote instruction and students will be expected to begin engaging in their assignments from Tuesday, March 17th through Friday, March 20th. We will observe spring break during the scheduled week of March 23 - 27. During this period, we will continue to monitor the pandemic and decide whether or not we will be able to return to school on Monday, March 30th. This decision has been made in response to rising concern regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) especially as it affects our region.

At this time, we do not anticipate additional changes to the academic calendar for the rest of the year; however, if changes become necessary, we will communicate with you on a timely basis. We are taking the following steps to ensure the safe and continued education of our students:

- Classes and lessons will be delivered electronically and materials will be sent home; you will be receiving correspondence from your child's teacher(s) directly.
- During the next two weeks, our facilities will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized for our anticipated return on Monday, March 30th.
- We have made the difficult decision to shorten our play schedule to one performance on Friday evening March 13th. Anyone who has purchased a ticket for the Saturday performances will be welcomed to use that ticket on Friday evening, though the reserved seats may need to be adjusted.
- For the next two weeks, we will be suspending all visits including admission visitors, open houses, and pre-k preview day on April 4th.
- The Kindergarten Lenten Prayer Service which was planned for March 18th will be rescheduled.
- Middle School Mini-Courses will be rescheduled.
- Changes to the athletics schedules will be communicated by Athletic Director, Nick Smith.
- The following field trips have been cancelled:
 - Wednesday, April 1st Lankenau hospital for Kindergarten & 7th grade
 - Wednesday, April 1st Franklin Institute for lower school
- Decisions about additional field trips will be made in the weeks ahead.



Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate the uncharted waters of this novel virus. We are committed to not only the education, but health of our students and school community and will continue to monitor the situation and the recommendations of the Governor, CDC, and WHO.

Sincerely,



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