



Dear Parents,

April 2, 2020

Building Closed for Students through May 31: Well it is now official. On Monday, April 1, Governor Pete Ricketts announced a new Directed Health Measure (DHM) which stated that “*Schools statewide are directed 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.*” Though we were all hoping that the students would come back before the end of the year, health safety must come first. Let us pray for the many people who have died through this virus and for others who are sick. May we be grateful for our own lives and the lives of our children!

In the Meantime: We will continue to do our best with educating from a distance. Our teachers have been working very hard preparing packets, finding great online resources, and reaching out personally to their students through phone calls, Zoom meetings, and private Facebook Live sessions. Please let us know if you are having problems. Although the children are not in school, faculty and staff continue working here and we want to be of support. Please give us a call at (402) 826-2318 if you have questions, ideas, or concerns.

Home Help: Boys Town has several ten-minute parent videos with helpful tips for home educating. [videos for assisting school at home.](#) St. James teachers use the Boy Town method of classroom management so your children will be familiar with the language.

Pick-Up Drop-Off Change: After April 7 we will only have the drop-off/pick-up day on Fridays. This is another safety precaution. It allows time for any germs on the papers to die before they are handled. The remaining drop-off pick-up days are April 3, April 7, April 17, April 24, May 1, May 8, May 15.

Calendar Lottery and Tuition: Thank you so much for turning in your tuition payments. This is a big help! We would like to make one more plea. Please do your best to sell and turn in your calendar lottery tickets. Checks may be made out to St. James Calendar Lottery. Don’t forget to enter your student’s name on the ticket that comes back to school. The drawing will still take place on Sunday, April 26. This year, however, we will not be able to gather. Calendar lottery committee members will do the drawing and notify the winners!

Food: Crete Public School is providing lunches on school days at the local bus stops for children ages 1-18. St. James is hoping to provide drive through pick-up dinner meals for children ages 1-18 beginning on April 14. More information is coming. Please volunteer if you would like to help run meals from the school kitchen to the vehicles.

Financial Help: I have had a generous offer from someone who wants to help families in need. Please do let me know if you could use help.

What About . . . : There are so many questions to be answered (First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Graduation, etc.) but right now we just need to wait for a time and see how things develop.

Most Important of All: Trust in God and stay in His peace by talking to Him from your heart. “Cast all your cares upon Him for He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:5-7

In the Heart of Christ the King,

Sister Mary Alma, C.K.