

Dear St. Ferdinand Families -

As you should have become aware of through a system-wide message from the Archdiocese, all **Archdiocese of Chicago schools, including St Ferdinand, will be closed indefinitely beginning Monday, March 16.**

While school is closed, St. Ferdinand School will move to a mostly "**e-learning**" (electronic learning) format.

Assignments for the next two weeks of school (for the weeks of March 16 and March 23) were given to the students in 2 formats before they were dismissed Friday: in paper form, as well as electronically. Students in all grades left school with an assignment list, corresponding worksheets (if applicable), and their textbooks/workbooks.

Assignments from ALL grade levels and for all subject areas will also be posted on our website by the end of the weekend. The tab will be titled, "AT HOME LESSONS." A separate email will go out when this is set-up and ready to use.

Grades 4th-8th have much experience with accessing and completing assignments on-line. Teachers in those grades who already utilize **GoogleClassroom** will continue to post assignments and answer student questions through this format.

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ALL ASSIGNMENTS THOROUGHLY AND COMPLETELY, AND WILL BE GRADED ON ALL ASSIGNED WORK, DUE WHEN SCHOOL RESUMES.

Teachers and principal will respond to student and parent emails and questions in a timely manner while school is closed during normal school hours, Mon-Fri: 8:00-3:00.

All extra-curricular activities, including clubs and sports, will be suspended during the time school is closed as well.

In addition, Cardinal Cupich has suspended all Masses, effective the evening of Saturday, March 14. Therefore, there is no Family Mass this Sunday, as well as no Confirmation meeting. Churches will remain open for individual prayer time on Sundays. Families are also encouraged to watch the televised mass on Sunday mornings. Please check local listings for that.

Regarding **Confirmation** for the 8th graders: Confirmation, which was scheduled for Sunday, March 22, is being postponed until after Easter. We are still waiting for an available date.

Please continue to **pray** for all those affected by the CoronaVirus, and for a healthy return for all as soon as possible to the St. Ferdinand Community.

I look forward to seeing all the kids' (and parents'!) smiling faces around St. Ferdinand School soon! **HAVE YOUR KIDS KEEP READING! LOG IN THOSE HOURS AND GET ME ON THE ROOF THIS SPRING!!** 😊

Love and Peace,

Principal Erin Boyle Folino :)