



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

November 16, 2020

Dear St. Francis de Sales School Families:

Last night, November 15th, at 6:00 pm Governor Whitmer held a press conference and described a number of changes to daily life throughout the state. The specific restrictions on schools include the following:

- In-person instruction is suspended statewide for most students in 9th – 12th grades. In-person instruction is still permitted for students in PreK – 8th grades.
- Schools may continue to provide special education and English language learner services in-person for students in 9th – 12th grades.
- Organized sports are suspended completely as are all other school-sponsored in-person extracurricular activities. MHSAA suspended sports effective immediately.

As you can see, these restrictions do not affect us at St. Francis de Sales School. Our building will remain open for in-person instruction until further notice. While we are not directly affected, it is important for all of us to stay vigilant as our positive cases continue to rise in the region.

As a reminder, COVID-19 is transmitted through person-to-person contact and through the exchange of respiratory droplets. Symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not limited to, fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you or any member of your family exhibit these symptoms, please contact your medical provider for advice immediately and do not send your child(ren) to school. You may send your child(ren) to school after your medical provider has provided guidance. Symptoms usually appear 2-14 days after exposure.

The CDC recommends the following best practices to help prevent the spread of this global pandemic:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay at home, if possible.
- If you must go out, practice social distancing, leaving at least six feet between you and other people.
- Avoid gatherings that include more than 10 people.

We will keep you posted as we receive more information from MDHHS.

God bless,

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