



St. Edmond Catholic School

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To the Members of our Gael Family:

With the recent recommendation from Governor Kim Reynolds to close schools for the next four weeks, we have decided that it is in the best interest of all of our Gael Family members to cancel classes until Monday, April 13th. (Please note this was originally scheduled to be a day off for Easter Break but with the recent COVID-19 outbreak, the school board has voted to resume classes on the 13th not the 14th.) We will be restricting access to the building and the Arena to only essential school personnel.

This was not an easy decision to make and we are aware of the hardships this will undoubtedly create. We are also aware that there will be multiple questions about this very fluid situation, so we are going to try and answer as many as we can right now.

- **Activities** – The Iowa Boys’ and Girls’ Athletic Unions have suspended all practices and games until Monday, April 13th. This means that we will not have any practices, open gyms, or competitions before this date.
- **School Facility Access** – We will be shutting down the school for all events, meetings, gatherings, youth practices, etc. during this time. If there is a school-related meeting scheduled that cannot be changed, we will do our best to find a way to hold a virtual meeting or conference call.
- **School Field Trips** – We will be canceling all field trips for the remainder of the school year. Missing out on four weeks of instructional time will make every day even more valuable when we return from this extended closure.
- **Learning** – We will encourage learning to continue and will try to provide as many resources for students and parents as possible. The vast majority of these resources will involve technology and we are aware that not all students will have access, but we will do our best to provide some resources. Mrs. Mitchell and myself will be in contact with teams and departments in the next few days to see exactly what that will look like. As I know more, I will let you know.
- **SENATE AND HOUSE AGREE TO WAIVE REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOOL DAYS TO BE RESCHEDULED.**

Thank you once again for your understanding as we work through this difficult situation. We will keep you updated with as much information as possible as we get more guidance from the state agencies and work closer to transitioning back to school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Gibb - President

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