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Dear Families,

The school doors are closed, but learning will continue for all students at St. Patrick Catholic School! Our faculty and staff have been preparing for this possibility and are ready to launch their online instruction this week. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we all work together during this transition time. Online learning will begin on Thursday, March 19. Students are required to be in “attendance” everyday Monday through Friday.

If your child is sick and cannot “attend” school, please notify the teacher by 9:00 a.m. Attendance will be taken each morning. Please have your child begin the day by opening the homeroom Google Classroom page and submitting the attendance Google Form.

Our teachers are continuing instruction, not merely giving students busy work as a review. Instruction from the teachers will come in many different formats including packets that were sent home with students, posted assignments to read and complete work, video instruction, and practice using a variety of software programs. Our teachers are taking e-learning seriously and will expect students to return to school prepared to continue where the online instruction ends. We are beginning the third trimester, and there is much learning to be done before we end the school year. Students who are not completing work each day will fall behind academically. Thank you for stressing the importance of continued learning with your children. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Teachers will be available from 10-3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to respond to any questions you may have. Please communicate with teachers by email. If you have technical difficulties, please reach out to Mrs. Lane for assistance. jlane@saintpatrickschoolva.org. I will be available as well to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. snicholson@saintpatrickschoolva.org.

We will continue to send out our weekly Knightly News to stay in touch with our school families. Morning announcements will be part of the daily online learning with your children. In addition, we encourage your family to pray The Angelus at noon and The Act of Contrition at 3:00 p.m. each day as we normally would at school.

The school building is closed, and deep cleaning will be done during this break. If you need access to the school for any reason, please reach out to me by email. The second trimester report cards will be distributed within a week of returning to school. However, parents may view the trimester grades on Power School on Friday, March 20, 2020.

Please continue to pray each day for our school community and our entire world.

God Bless,

Sally A. Nicholson, Ed.D.
Principal