



March 13, 2020

Dear St. Peter Academy Parents and Guardians,

Due to the unprecedented demands of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), we wish to relay the plan of St. Peter Academy should conditions or the specific directives of local government officials warrant our closure.

St. Peter Academy will be closed if: (1.) The Center for Disease Control (CDC), Department of Public Health (DPH), Governor Baker and/or Mayor Walsh call for a temporary closure of schools; or (2.) We become aware of a known exposure to the virus within our school community. An announcement of our closure will be posted to all local television stations, via email, and a community-wide text message from the Principal as we have done for weather-related issues.

At this time, we are currently making plans for children in our Early Education Program through Grade 6 to learn remotely for a period of about two weeks that could be implemented at any time. Students will receive learning packets today that have been put together by their classroom teacher. Furthermore, students in Grade K1 through Grade 6 will continue to utilize the online IReady program as they have been doing throughout the school year. It is expected that these packets, in addition to the work undertaken through IReady, will be supplemented by daily reading, math and literacy components, and other items specific to your child's classroom as directed by their teacher. This work is required, will be assessed, graded, and reflected on their third trimester report cards. Teachers will relay specific instructions to families via email; additionally, messages will be checked by faculty on a frequent basis to maintain open lines of communication.

If your household does not have the capacity to access IReady, we will provide you with a tablet and charger. Please email me (f.galligan@stpeteracademy.com) and the school (spa@stpeteracademy.com) as soon as possible if your child is in Grade K1 through Grade 6 and does not have access to a tablet at home.

We are working very hard to be prepared in the case of a school closure. We want to stress that we have no information at this point that requires St. Peter Academy to close. Additionally, before and after any potential school closure, we ask for strict adherence to the school's health policies, including exclusion, while classes are in session. We strongly advise our families to exclude their children from school if there is any illness in their respective households. For your reference, we have included a resource page to help with your children's age-appropriate understanding of current circumstances. Certainly, if you have any questions or concerns about this and any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your support of our continued efforts to ensure the health and safety of our children and families.

Sincerely,

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President, St. Peter Academy Board

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