

Christ Our Savior

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Good afternoon,

As you heard from me on Friday, we will continue to follow state guidelines pertaining to the COVID-19 situation and the new Shelter-in-place announcement. On Friday, very few details were known about how this newest Executive Order would affect *COS* and our mission of providing a Christ-Centered and academically excellent education to your students and your families.

I am proud to inform you that despite this closure, the *COS* teaching staff and I are still working hard to fulfill our Mission in the best way we are able. As the duration of school closures has already been extended until at least April 8th, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has decided that the designation of this closure as “Act of God” days will likely not last as long as the mandated closure will.

At some point in the future, we will be given the go ahead to transition to “Remote Instructional Days”. The specifics of when and what will be allowed are still being decided upon by the ISBE, but they should provide more details to *COS* before the end of this week.

Despite this continued uncertainty, I wanted to share some resources with you. The ISBE has collected resources at <https://www.isbe.net/keeplearning>. Included is a section entitled “Free Internet Access Resources” that collects several options that may be of help in addressing connectivity issues. We at *COS* are aware that a lack of home internet is an issue for some of our families and are taking that into consideration in designing our Remote Instructional Days.

While specifics are still unknown, potentially as early as March 31st, students may see the return of graded assignments and learning opportunities for which they can and will be held accountable. What this will mean for each of their specific classes will be communicated to them by the individual teachers of those classes.

In addition, the *COS* Executive Committee is discussing how this closure will affect the school beyond the classroom. Once the Board of Directors has made their decisions this will also be communicated with you.

Please watch for updates as more detailed information becomes available. As always, if you need to reach out to me please do not hesitate to do so. Your students and families are in my prayers. I am reassured to know that in this time of difficulty while physically we may be distant, we are all still held closely together in the loving arms of our Lord.

In Christ,

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