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Principal's Office

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We write to update you regarding our plans to respond to the outbreak of COVID-19.

As always, the safety and health of our students is our most important priority. We are pleased to share that no member of the Prep nor the University community has reported a suspected or confirmed case of the virus. But this outbreak invites us to look beyond our students' needs to the safety and health of the wider community, especially the elderly and those who may be physically compromised and susceptible to contracting this virus.

After extensive consultation with public health authorities and significant planning, we have decided to suspend face-to-face classes and all student activities and transition to a distance learning format.

Please be aware of the following items:

- Beginning on Tuesday, March 17, our Distance Learning Plan will be in effect until further notice. Our faculty will use Monday, March 16 to refine their individual distance learning lessons and there will be no remote classes for students on that day. We will plan to send you an update on the status of its duration by 5 pm on Friday, March 20. Before students return for face-to-face instruction, we will undertake a deep-cleaning of all our facilities.
- All school-sponsored activities including campus ministry retreats, athletic team practices, games and events, school and team sponsored travel, and requirements to complete Christian service are suspended until further notice.
- Tomorrow, Friday, March 13 remains a professional development day for our faculty to enhance their skills in distance learning instruction and review our plan carefully.
- By Monday at noon, we will send you and your son a comprehensive distance-learning handbook which includes expectations, standards, and details related to his daily schedule. It will include information on how we intend to finalize grading and assessments for the third quarter.
- We have asked students who attended school today to bring home with them all books, tablet devices, chargers, and materials necessary for all coursework. If your son is not present in school today or if he forgets items that he needs, he will have access to the building to retrieve these items tomorrow or Monday, March 16 between 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. For all other purposes and until further notice, the campus will remain closed for student use.
- Our Distance Learning Plan requires that your son has access to WiFi as we will continue to use Schoology as the primary resource to manage instruction and learning. If your son does not have access to WiFi at home, please complete this [brief form](#) so we may make accommodations for him.
- For your convenience, we have centralized all COVID-19 communications on a dedicated [webpage](#).

The Ignatian mission of education calls us to a deep and personal care for your son and each Fordham Prep student. During this time of distance learning, we, and all our faculty, will truly miss our students and this dimension of our ministry. However, we realize this unique moment and its challenges require us to take these significant steps. At the same time, we remain available to continue to support your son's intellectual, spiritual, emotional, and social development. Please do not hesitate to contact us with concerns or questions.

Sincerely yours,



Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ
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