



March 15, 2020

Dear St. John XXIII community,

In light of the Governor's recent announcement to close all schools statewide, the Diocese of Phoenix has confirmed that all Catholic Schools will be **CLOSED FROM MONDAY, MARCH 16 THROUGH FRIDAY, MARCH 27** in the desire to operate out of an abundance of caution in the hope of minimizing the effects of COVID-19. At that time, the situation will be reassessed to better understand the current health situation of the state.

While the AZ Department of Health Services continues to advise that the level of community spread of COVID-19 in Arizona remains minimal, please be assured that we will remain vigilant in monitoring this rapidly developing situation. Our school has been working diligently to prepare for this situation, including spending last Friday as a teacher in-service day to prepare for just this event. Teachers will begin sending work home during this time and work with families to continue their child's education at home. You should begin hearing from teachers tomorrow, Monday, March 16, as they put their plans in motion. As the state and federal government has suggested, this should be a time of self-quarantining for families so that the spread of the virus can be blunted.

We will continue to keep in contact with all of you as an administration throughout the next two weeks. If any member of the community alerts you that they have not been getting our emails, please direct them to check their junk or spam mail as we are sending to every family in our database based on the emails they have provided to us. Feel free to forward this email to any St. John family that has told you they have not received this information. Please continue to pray for the end of this pandemic, and for all our Catholic school leaders as they continue to do their best in guiding their respective communities in a manner that is healthy, smart, and holy.

St. John XXIII, pray for us!

God's Blessings,
Preston Colao
Principal