



BROTHER RICE HIGH SCHOOL

Good Evening Brother Rice Students and Parents,

As we journey through these unusual times in our world's history, it will be of great importance to preserve our Catholic Identity in the spirit of our Brother Rice Mission Statement, the Essential Elements of a Christian Brothers Education, and most importantly, in Jesus Christ, Himself.

Beginning tomorrow at 7:50am, you will be receiving a morning prayer sent to your email. Please take a moment to pause, center yourself, and engage in prayer each day.

Minute by Minute and Day by Day

Everyone wants answers. Some decisions Brother Rice will get to make. Other directives are being given to us from the Archdiocese of Detroit, Governor Whitmer, and the Michigan Department of Health.

We do know that the Governor has Michigan schools closed until April 6, 2020. After April 6, we do not know if schools will be back in session or remain closed. With that said, right now, we all have a job to do for these next two weeks. Please read on.

Distance Learning Begins Tomorrow

The work you will be doing as students, teachers, and parents matters and will be a continuation of what you have been doing prior to this distance learning time.

Student work will count. Student work will be graded. Stay strong and stay the course as this distance learning time will be evidence of your diligence as you work through the college application, acceptance, and admittance process.

Schoology

Parents who have not created a Schoology account will be emailed instructions on how to do so within the next 48 hours.

Parents who need assistance accessing your Schoology account should contact Tech Help (techhelp@brrice.edu or 248.833.2200).

Schoology is a cloud based, Learning Management System (LMS) that Brother Rice has had in place for several years that provides tools needed to manage a distance learning classroom.

Distance Learning Reminders:

- Check Schoology each day for assignments.
- Please know that similar to the regular school day, teachers may have different expectations and formats for their distance learning instruction, assignments, and assessments.
- Please pay careful attention to deadlines and due dates.
- Establish a quiet place to do schoolwork.

- Routines work well, so work with your family to set up and stick to a routine. Items to consider:
 - Wake up time
 - Study times
 - Break times
 - Lunchtime
- Counselors are available via email for your needs, such as academic, health, college counseling, etc.
- For Tech Help, go to help.brrice.edu and see the HELP area in the top right. You may also call 248.833.2200.
- Please communicate with the school if you become ill.

Advanced Placement Testing

The College Board also announced that Advanced Placement tests, scheduled to be administered in May, will be offered to students online for the 2019-20 exam administration due to the COVID-19 outbreak. For more information on free online learning sources and home testing updates, the College Board provides updates [here](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update):

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Worshiping from Home

Archbishop Vigneron reminds us that homes are now the place to hear the word of God, and to offer Him praise, especially in acts of spiritual Communion and entrustment to the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary. [Click here](#) for family activities and resources.

Please continue to be wise. Please continue to be safe.

Please pray for the safety and well-being of our community, country, and world, and for all those who have been affected by crisis.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Ed Okuniewski and Tom Reidy
Principal and President

