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Friday, March 13, 2020

Governor Whitmer and AOD Update from Brother Rice

Good Afternoon,

We are currently in an unprecedented time in history. With that said, rapid changes are being implemented.

Late last night, Governor Whitmer announced the closure of all K-12 school buildings, public and private, in an effort to slow the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). This period of closure begins on Monday, March 16 through Sunday, April 5.

Please [click here](#) to read the message from Kevin Kijewski, the Archdiocese of Detroit Superintendent of Catholic Schools, regarding the directives to all Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese. Although we are not an Archdiocese school, it has been explained that the Archbishop has invoked Canon Law that require schools to comply. Here are some of the highlights:

- Schools will move their customary Easter Break (April 13 – 17) to the week of March 16 – 20.
- Students will not need to report physically or virtually to school March 16 – 20.
- Students and instructional staff will commence work on their distance learning work on Monday, March 23 and will conclude work on Friday, April 3.
- Provided that there is no extension or modification of Governor Whitmer's order, students will return to schools on April 6 followed by two days off for Holy Thursday and Good Friday (April 9 and 10).
- Students and instructional staff will return on April 13 for their first full week of school.

What do you need to know about what is happening at Brother Rice?

- The Third Quarter ends today. Students – Please contact your teacher directly with any questions.
- The Fourth Quarter will begin on March 23, 2020.
- On Monday, March 16, between 8:00am – 2:00pm, students may enter through the Lahser Road doors to:
 - Retrieve instructional materials or other items from their school lockers.
 - Purchase books (i.e., English novels) or other items from the bookstore.
 - Have their iPad serviced.
- Counselors will continue to be available. Please email your counselor directly.
- All sports practices and contests are cancelled through April 6, 2020.
- All sports fields and courts are off limits to students.
- All activities are cancelled through April 6, 2020 such as robotics, Prom and Blood Drive.

Distance Learning Days details/instructions will be sent at the end of next week.

We will be updating you as information becomes available.

In Christ,



Ed Okuniewski

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