

March 18, 2020

RE: Academic Instruction and Student Resources

Dear SJSD families,

As the St. Joseph School District communicated earlier this week, we are currently closed through April 3 and planning for the return of students on Monday, April 6. That could change as we continue to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak and its global impact. We understand families have many questions during this time of uncertainty and unexpected school closure. We will provide updates as circumstances change. Below you will find information and resources related to instructional materials for students. Expect frequent communication as we adjust to a new way of facilitating learning.

- Students will participate in learning from home for the school days between March 23 and April 3. You have access to printed resources that were sent home with your child before Spring Break or will be available for pick up at our food distribution sites. We are also providing some learning resources for you at this link.
 - [Elementary Matrix](#)
 - [Secondary Matrix](#)
- We realize that helping your children with their learning may be challenging. We have developed a resource with some tips and some free resources (in addition to those in the elementary and secondary matrices) for you to use during this time of remote learning.
 - [Tips & Resources](#)
- Students with IEPs will receive communication from a teacher regarding accommodations during remote learning. Communication will be sent to the email address on file for the parents/guardians of each student.
- Should you have difficulty with technology at any time, the SJSD Helpdesk will be available to assist you during regular business hours. Visit [this page to submit a help ticket](#).
- All families throughout the district will have access to free breakfast and lunch during the school closure. Numerous individuals have come together in a hurry to develop a plan to provide this much-needed service.
 - Families will have the opportunity to pick up food at one of six school building sites set up for distribution. This will be provided as a drive-through service--no one should exit their vehicles to receive their meals.
 - Breakfast will be available for pick up from 7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
 - Lunch will be available for pick up from 11:30 a.m. -12:45 p.m.
 - Sites for food distribution are:
 - Benton, Central, and Lafayette High Schools
 - Carden Park, Coleman, and Oak Grove Elementary Schools
 - Should a family have issues with illness or mobility, please contact our district office at 816-671-4000.

- The St. Joseph School District looks forward to helping families meet their most basic needs.
- Should families need to get their child's medication, instructional device, or any other important item left at school, please contact the district office on Monday, March 23 at 816-671-4000. Lead administrators, administrative assistants and nurses will report on Monday to assist families with these needs.
- Numerous resources pertaining to the coronavirus can be found on [our dedicated webpage](#) including a [Frequently Asked Questions document](#).
- As offerings of help pour in, we will compile the community resources available during this time and [posted here](#).

Our schools work hard to support our families and the St. Joseph community. Even in this time of uncertainty, we will continue to provide all of the support we can. If you have further questions, feel free to contact your school principal or the district office. Regardless of physical proximity, we will serve the St. Joseph School District community.

We appreciate everyone's grace and patience as we travel this new path. We are grateful for your support and assistance.

Sincerely,

Dr. Doug Van Zyl and the St. Joseph School District Leadership Team