

March 3, 2020

Dear Families,

Keeping your children safe is a top priority at Holy Rosary School. We have been using many resources to stay informed about COVID-19 (Corona Virus) including the World Health Organization (<https://www.who.int/>) and Center for Disease Control (<https://www.cdc.gov/>). The teachers are using this information to follow best practices throughout the school.

Yesterday, I made plans for the deep cleaning of the school grounds, future field trips, social distancing, providing lunch for free and reduced students, attendance policies, supply ordering, and the school budget. We have decided to cancel both the Boise Field Trip and Teton Science School Field Trip. We will plan on doing a 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade Boise trip next year. The parish has not made a decision regarding First Communion at this time.

It is important for you to know that if we close the school, we will still be providing an education. Today, all teachers will be formulating a distance-learning plan. This plan will look different from grade to grade. You will receive an email about this plan today. This does not mean we are closing the school. We just want to be prepared. Your students will be bringing home consumable workbooks every day for the next week in case school is changed to a distance-learning situation.

If you choose to keep your child home during this time because of the Corona Virus, those attendances will be excused.

Holy Rosary will close its doors for a public health or community hazard under the following circumstances:

- Health Department Directive
- Local School District Closure
- Local, State, or Federal Directive
- High percent of student/faculty absences due to disease
- Diocesan directive

This will be communicated the same way we communicate snow days: text alert, website, Facebook, and Instagram. In the interim, we will continue to monitor the health of our students and community.

Please be aware that information and decisions can change quickly and we will work to get information out as efficiently as we can. Thankfully, we have our faith during times like this. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Sincerely,  
Carina VanPelt, Principal  
Holy Rosary Catholic School