

March 11, 2020

Dear St. Edward Families,

Today, Governor Inslee requested that school districts in King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties prepare contingency plans for lengthy school closures.

In response to such request, Edward Parish School campus will close tomorrow, March 12th at 3:00p.m. for a minimum of two weeks. There will be NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE for any student tomorrow. If you are uncomfortable sending your children to school tomorrow, please keep them home. We are closing starting Friday out of empathy for the multitude of working families who will be scrambling for extended daycare for their children,

On Thursday, students will be instructed to take home all textbooks, notebooks, and school supplies needed for remote learning. It is imperative that we know whether each child has access to internet, a computer and a printer at home. I have asked each teacher to survey students and/or parents if those are available at your home. For those students in Grades 5-8 **who don't have any computer**, the teachers will assign chrome books/power cords for personal use.

St. Edward staff will be using Friday, March 13th to prepare for digital learning with your children. What this looks like at each age level K-4 and 5-8 will vary. Though school on campus is closed, teachers will be working from school every day preparing daily assignments for your children that will be sent out via email for grades K-4 and/or Google. Classroom for students in grades 5-8. Each teacher will write a specific daily email to families/students about the work of the day. It is our expectation that families provide their children with the support necessary to carry out this work.

At Friday's staff meeting, we will discuss *office hours during the school day* for parents to return completed work and/or pick up any supplies needed for their children on a bi-weekly basis at their convenience and to avoid large crowds. I will be sure to keep you updated of the decisions and plans made.

In my 30+ years in education, this is a new experience for me! It is not an ideal situation for anyone, but with all of us working together, we will ride this out together. I pray for your good health and a quick resolution to this virus and its effects on all of us.

In peace,

Monica Wingard