



March 7, 2020

Dear Parents,

While there remains no immediate cause for alarm, I am writing today as part of our continuing efforts to keep the St. Patrick School community informed.

In order to avoid confusion, we will not follow the delayed opening that the School District of the Chathams is having on Monday, March 9. St. Patrick School will run a normal school day schedule on Monday, beginning at 7:50AM. Although, surrounding districts feel they need to provide time for teachers to prepare in case of closure, St. Patrick School and its faculty and staff are prepared and have been prepared for quite some time to switch to a digital platform for a closure in case of an emergency.

Also of note, at this time, we have not received any new guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health, New Jersey Department of Education, or the Diocese of Paterson. When we do receive further guidance and information, we will share it with you.

Please remember that as a parent, you are free to make decisions based on the best interest of your child and family. Knowledge is power. Please consider the following resources to expand and maintain your understanding of this issue:

CDC – COVID-19

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

CDC – COVID-19 and Children

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/children-faq.html>

NJ Department of Health

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>

Thank you for taking the time to read this information and for partnering with us. We will stay in communication with you as this situation unfolds.

Blessings,

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Principal