

March 12, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for entrusting us to guide your sons through these turbulent times.

In conjunction with the Arkansas Department of Health and the Arkansas Department of Education guidelines, as of end of school today we are shifting our content delivery to alternative methods of instruction (AMI). This means that we must temporarily close the doors to our physical campus. We will stay closed until Monday, March 30, at which time we plan to reopen.

There is good news, however. Our faculty has worked hard over the last several weeks to prepare for this circumstance. They have already migrated the delivery of their content to the internet.

Therefore, the learning will continue. Our message is full steam ahead.

While we will temporarily not be greeting our students in the hallways, we will be greeting them in a virtual environment. During this temporary shutdown, our school will be in full-day AMI mode. Our teachers will be delivering content through Google Classrooms or other pre-established online channels. Teachers will be available for consultation from 8 am to 3 pm and will be actively teaching during that time.

This is no time to sit idly by. Now is the time to dig in and demand that our boys keep learning despite the circumstances. The faculty of Catholic High is ready to lead the charge.

With our campus temporarily closed to limit exposure, it only makes sense that all sports and activities must also be postponed. Yes, this includes this Saturday's detention hall. There will be no activities whatsoever as we take time to fully sanitize the building and gauge the impact of the shutdown.

Thank you for the continued honor of teaching your son. We will push forward in the safest, most effective way possible.

Sincerely,

Steve Straessle