



West Catholic High School

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Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware, Michigan schools will be closed for the next three weeks in a proactive attempt to slow the spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19. During this time, we plan to continue to provide all of our students with a dynamic, excellence-driven Catholic education by moving to online learning. **Online classes begin Monday, March 16.** An updated class schedule can be found at grwestcatholic.org/alerts. Both teachers and students have received training to aid in this transition.

Direct instruction for Spanish, art, technology and sociology classes is currently paused. Please check your class Canvas pages for more information.

As courses move online, please be aware that students are expected to attend classes, submit assignments and follow instructions as they normally would for in-person instruction. **Attendance will still be taken each day and grades will still be given.** We ask that parents and guardians assist in monitoring student progress during this time.

Please note that while our campus will be closed, our entire staff will be working to continue to provide appropriate support to all West Catholic families. Contact information for West Catholic staff members may be found at grwestcatholic.org/directory/staff. If you need technical support for one of your student's classes, please email wcsupport@grwestcatholic.org. Questions regarding specific class information should be directed to your student's teachers.

If your student needs to pick up items from the school (ex. books, supplies, instruments, etc.), please call 616-233-5900 to schedule an appointment to do so. It is important that we are able to monitor the number of individuals in our building at any given time.

Additional Updates

Until further notice, all school-related activities (meetings, field trips, etc.) have been canceled. This includes practices, athletic competitions, scrimmages, contests, weight lifting, conditioning, etc. Banquets are also postponed. Students and their families are not allowed to access our building to use any of the facilities on an individual or a group basis. Decisions regarding major events are being made on a case-by-case basis. Please note the auction has been moved to June 10. We ask that you visit and continue to monitor the [School & Programming Updates](#) page on our website for the latest information regarding specific changes.

This situation is evolving every day and all WC policies, procedures and guidelines are subject to change as we learn more. We appreciate your understanding and continued cooperation as we make necessary decisions to keep our community safe.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me directly at cynthiakneibel@grwestcatholic.org or 616-233-5905.

God Bless,

Cynthia Kneibel
Principal/CEO

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