

March 25, 2020

Dear Parents,

As we inch closer to “Spring Break,” I want to update you on what to expect over the next few weeks. The current return to school date is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We know this may change and our staff is preparing for both; a return to work or a plan to continue with our distance learning. As noted previously, our goal is to continue to provide curriculum work that supports state standards. Trinity Lutheran School is not bound by the rules of the Michigan Department of Education and the time we are using with our distance learning plan will count toward our grade level requirements.

Due to Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-21, we will not be able to schedule a mass packet pick-up as we did last Friday. Teachers are preparing lesson plans for the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>-April 10<sup>th</sup>. These will be posted on-line, sent to you via e-mail, or via Remind. The goal is to provide lesson plans that can be implemented from the resources that your child already has at home. This may present an opportunity to review and reinforce things your child has already been presented to at school. Each classroom teacher will continue to update you.

I want to emphasize that the distance learning plans are not being administered to “replace” the teacher with the parent. These lesson plans and guidelines are presented so that students can begin and complete most of their work on their own. If your student does need support, teachers are available by phone or video. Don’t hesitate to reach out to them! Plus, our teachers miss their kids and would welcome an opportunity to catch up with them.

Mr. Rohde has been working with the company that administers Accelerated Reader and myON. Access to these programs will be made available to families soon. Students will be able to take AR tests on-line from home as well as access a large digital library of books through myON. We hope this is a motivator for the kids to read often and take the AR tests. My intent is to still be made into a Mr. Saladin Sundae if/when the kids get to 1500+ books read!

These are difficult times for many – including our staff. There are many unknowns and lots of questions. We do know that God is in control! Please continue to pray for our staff, students, and school families. If you need support financially, mentally, physically, spiritually – please contact me directly at 231-912-6879. Our church may have resources that can assist you or we can put you in contact with someone that can help.

Last, I am including a link to an on-line survey. Our staff is striving to provide and support our students and families to their highest abilities. Feedback is welcome. If you have major, underlying concerns, please speak to your teacher. We want to support and accommodate as best as we are able.

Click here for [Distance Learning Feedback Survey](#)

“For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” – 2 Timothy 1:7

Sincerely,

Rich Saladin  
Principal