

Coronavirus Update
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Governor Announces Shelter in Place - CDH Online School continues until 5/4/20

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 (3 pm) - Today, Governor Tim Walz has announced that Minnesota is entering into a critical phase in battling the spread of COVID-19 with a Shelter in Place Order for the State of Minnesota from March 27 at 11:59 pm through April 10. This will be followed by continued physical distancing measures. At this time, we can tell you:

1. Online School will continue for CDH until Monday, May 4 to comply with the state's distance learning plan announced today. We will continue to implement Online School for this duration and will keep you updated.
2. [MSHSL](#) will honor the Governor's executive order and will suspend all spring sports until the state lifts these distance learning measures. No decisions about the cancellation of the spring season have been made.
3. CDH will be on Easter Break Monday, April 6 - Monday, April 13. Thus, Online School is also on Easter Break for all students and faculty. Online School will resume on Tuesday, April 14.

Please take this time for rest and relaxation, even as the Shelter In Place continues in Minnesota. *As Governor Walz decreed, it is critical that we all refrain from gathering outside our homes or other types of travel during this time, to protect your health, that of your family, and of our local community.* As this is also our Holy Week, we pray for your own journey through Holy Week toward Easter.

As COVID-19 evolves on a daily basis, it cannot be overlooked that *together*, Cretin-Derham Hall, we made it through our first five days of Online School. It was not necessarily easy or without unforeseen challenges, but we did it! We are incredibly inspired and proud of everyone in our community for stepping up to this challenge that COVID-19 has handed us. We know these days are not at all what any one of us anticipated even two weeks ago. Together, we have responded in ways that protect our community's health and wellness while staying Raider Strong. We will tackle the next few weeks with the same spirit and commitment!

We are tremendously grateful for the hard work and dedication of our faculty and staff who have launched this new format for our CDH learning so that we can continue to provide an on-going CDH education even while we are not all together on our campus. This is no small task - our teachers are committed to helping their students adapt to an online learning environment by redesigning lessons, re-writing curriculum and implementing new teaching methodology.

We also want to honor the changing roles and responsibilities of our families who are managing students at home, many with varying ages and levels of remote learning, in addition to running a household and managing their own work responsibilities.

And to our students, know that we are proud of your ability to shift gears to Online Learning. We understand your disappointment as this is not what anyone planned or imagined, especially for our seniors. Returning to campus, when we are able, will be cause for celebration - and celebrate we will! We have started discussing ways to ensure CDH will celebrate those events we all consider important rites of passage for our seniors. When we approach the planning for these events, we will solicit input from our students and parents.

Now, more than ever, we treasure our special CDH community. Please stay safe and take every precaution recommended by the State of Minnesota. Stay home. Nothing is more important than the health of our community and we all have a responsibility to do our part to minimize the risk of COVID-19.

Please be assured that you and your loved ones will continue to be in our daily prayers through the Lenten and Easter seasons. We offer a special prayer of blessing for those who have contracted the virus, and those who are caring for someone who is suffering from this or other illnesses. As we journey through Lent, we know the Paschal Mystery seems ever so present during this current ordeal. This is the pinnacle of our faith, for we are Easter people.

*Let us remember, we are in the Holy Presence of God,
And, let us love God and our dear neighbor, without distinction.*

*Saint Joseph... pray for us.
Saint John Baptist DeLaSalle...pray for us.
Blessed Brother James Miller...pray for us.*

Live Jesus in our hearts...FOREVER!