



## Sacred Heart Academy

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Dear Sacred Heart Academy family:

In light of the decision by Governor Ralph Northam to declare a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Sacred Heart Academy will be closed until March 27. All school and extracurricular activities have also been cancelled through March 27. It is possible that the closure may be extended. Twelve-month employees, teachers and essential staff will report to work during the closure.

The school office will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00am until 3:00pm for students to pick up additional materials. Should a family need to sign out a device, please see Mrs. Clark for help at that time. Please note that the office will be closed from Wednesday through March 27.

The days at home will meet the state requirements provided that meaningful learning is demonstrated. All students will need to be enrolled in a Google classroom by 8:00am on Monday. Students in grades 3-8 are already assigned to a Google classroom. Parents of students in grades PreK through 2, please look for instructions from your child's homeroom teacher as to how to enroll in a Google classroom. If you are having any trouble enrolling your students in a Google classroom, please contact Katie Tantillo at [ktantillo@shasaints.org](mailto:ktantillo@shasaints.org).

All homeroom teachers will send an email regarding eLearning. Please confirm with your child's homeroom teacher when you receive the email. All teachers will send specific instructions and expectations for the weeks on Monday evening. We recognize that some of our families do not have access to high-speed Internet service and will take that into consideration as we continue to refine our distance learning plans. Details will be forthcoming as they develop.

As this situation continues to evolve, there may be changes daily. We will continue to keep you updated on any additional changes or new information through our school website ([www.sacredheartva.org](http://www.sacredheartva.org)) and through the School Messenger communications system.

The safety of our students and families is of paramount importance to us. We urge you to follow the recommendations of the CDC and continue to practice good personal health habits such as washing your hands frequently, covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and other measures that help prevent the spread of illness.

Please join us in prayer as we continue to monitor and address this challenging situation.

Sincerely,

Erica Bode Palaza  
Principal

### **Mission Statement**

Strengthened by the Father, led by Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart Academy nurtures the development of the whole child by providing a Catholic education, cultivating academic excellence, peace and justice, service, and spiritual growth.

We Pray We Study We Serve