SPN Community,

Governor Edwards has closed all schools in the state of Louisiana effective Monday, March 16, 2020. This closure is slated to run through April 13, 2020, but could be extended; it affects both the main campus and the Early Learning Center.

During the closure, St. Philip Neri School will seek to have all buildings on campus professionally deep cleaned with an eye on the return of our students to a safe, healthy environment.

Once we know for certain when school will be permitted to resume, the school administration will review the requirements for school operating hours and days to determine what must be “made up” and how to make up missed time for this school year. Ideally, we will not extend the school year past the currently scheduled last day of school, which is Friday, May 29, 2020. This may require SPN to adjust our starting and/or ending times. We will have a detailed, specific plan for you all once we know when school will definitely re-open.

Academically, SPN will not be sending home any work for students or requiring students to complete any work during the closure. The school administration discussed, in developing a contingency plan for this possible closure, having work done virtually by computer, but we have determined that this is not feasible. Although Middle School is one-to-one with Chromebooks, not all families have wireless Internet in their homes. Some families also may not have an appropriate number of Internet-connected computers in their households to accommodate the number of children living there. We will not be sending work home on paper, as we would prefer that anything sent home from SPN not be brought back to school unless it is thoroughly cleaned, which isn’t possible with paper.

When we return, we will begin the Fourth Quarter. The school administration will be consulting with teachers in regards to determining final Third Quarter grades for all students.

Please make sure that student uniforms, book bags, and nap mats have been washed and cleaned prior to school resuming.

I will maintain regular communication with you all through e-mail, Facebook, text, voice message, and our school website. Any official news about SPN, including re-opening, will come directly from me through the aforementioned sources.

Please join me in praying for the health of all people and for a quick return to school.

In Christ,

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