



March 16, 2020

To the parents and guardians of Detroit Cristo Rey students,

The United States and countries around the world are working to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. Governor Whitmer has closed all schools until April 5th, but we are planning to continue instruction and remote learning to the best of our ability. We cannot afford a three-week closure without extending the school calendar into the summer. Students will use their Chromebook to complete and submit their school work from home.

The school will use the next three weeks to clean the building. In addition to our regular cleaning procedures, the facilities team at Detroit Cristo Rey is using special disinfectants and cleaning protocols to make sure the school is clean and disinfected for when students and staff return.

Teachers have created lesson plans and assignments that will be shared via “Google Classroom” for each class. Students should already be familiar with using this tool. Teachers will also use different methods to create virtual chat rooms to have discussions and answer student questions. Below are additional updates regarding the continuation of instruction and announcements.

- The expected instructional time for all students and teachers to be online working is **9:00 to 4:00, Tuesday, March 17th through Friday, April 3rd.**
- **Calendar Update - change to Spring Break. Due to the closure of school, the scheduled spring break will be altered as follows. Classes will resume on April 6th, 7th and 8th. Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores work days.**
- **End of 3rd Card Marking Period – April 8th.**
- **NO SCHOOL on April 9th and 10th.**
- All Teachers will post “virtual office hours” indicating when they will be available to answer students’ questions, to conduct a virtual chat room, or to have a video conference.
- Teachers will share access to their Google Classroom or Google Meeting.
- Teachers will update grades each Friday. Students and parents should frequently check assignments and grades in PowerSchool.

- Students who need Chromebooks, textbooks, or other instructional material can come to school, but please call first to let us know you're coming.
- Teachers will find alternate options for students that do not have internet access from home.
- Students and parents should check school email regularly and the school website for continued updates – <http://www.detroitcristorey.org/>
- Seniors who attend Dual Enrollment at U of D Mercy, please note: There will be no Dual Enrollment classes on Tuesday, March 17th. Online classes will begin Wednesday, March 18th. U of D professors will email their students with more information. Some dual enrollment courses will run online at the same time as the scheduled time. PLEASE CHECK YOUR U of D EMAIL ACCOUNT. If you are having trouble connecting with your U of D class, please contact Mr. Cumming.
- Juniors – the current SAT prep class will also go online, Wednesdays, 3:30- 6:00.
- Athletics updates – The Michigan High School Athletic Association has directed all schools to suspend activities in all sports for all seasons – effective Monday, March 16th through at least Sunday, April 5th. All athletic activities are to be halted, including practices, scrimmages, competitions/games, strength training, conditioning, and any other organized sessions and activities for all MHSAA in-season and out-of-season sports.

The suspension of activities applies to sports for all three MHSAA seasons as spring sports practices have begun, winter tournaments were suspended Thursday and fall sports coaches are working with limited numbers of athletes during the offseason.

- All school events have been cancelled or postponed from March 16th to April 5th.
- Updates or changes determined by the State of Michigan will be shared with the Detroit Cristo Rey Community as soon as possible.
- For any other questions regarding Student Admissions, Corporate Work Study, or Academic concerns, please call 313 843 2747.

Finally, we take very seriously the fact that you have entrusted your children to our care for their learning and for their safety. Health threats are an important reminder that we need to be vigilant as we fulfill our mission of educating your children. We will continue to monitor the spread of the virus and make necessary adjustments to our school routine and calendar as needed. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your cooperation and for supporting your child's learning. Please let us know if there are any questions we can answer for you and your family.

Respectfully,

Kevin Cumming

Principal

Detroit Cristo Rey High School