

March 15, 2020



BSM Parents and Guardians,

As many of you are aware, this morning Governor Tim Walz announced the shutdown of all Minnesota schools for a period of time starting Wednesday in an effort to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 and prepare for a longer-term statewide closure. This aligns with the plan BSM previously communicated with you.

With the new public health order in effect, we're writing to inform you of changes we will be implementing in relation to building operations.

Building Will Be Closed to Students and Visitors Beginning Tuesday, March 17

- **The building will be closed starting on Tuesday for a yet to be determined period of time.**
- **This means students must pick up essential items needed for Extended Online School on Monday, March 16. The building will be open between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

NOTE: Students and/or parents are required to go directly to their locker to pick up any essential items and leave campus without delay. Gathering in groups to chat or lingering in the building is prohibited. If a parent needs a student's locker number and combination, we will have that information available at the Main Office desk.

Extended Online School in Effect from Wednesday, March 18 - Friday, April 3

- **At this time, we still plan to implement Extended Online School (EOS) through Friday, April 3, with students, faculty and staff returning to the building on Monday, April 6.**
- As previously noted, online instruction begins Wednesday, March 18. We will continue to evaluate the situation and make decisions accordingly in the coming weeks.
- An EOS tutorial from Dr. Steve Pohlen will be posted and emailed to all parents and students by the end of the day on Monday, March 16. PowerSchool Learning, which teachers and students already use, is our EOS e-learning platform. Because this is not a one or two day online school weather-related event, we have added enhanced tools and instructional strategies that will improve the student experience.

We will keep families and faculty/staff informed via email, robocall, and our [COVID-19 resource webpage](#) in the days and weeks ahead.

We'd like to thank our entire Red Knight family for pulling together during this challenging time. We have and will continue to make decisions together in the best interest of our students, parents, and faculty/staff. We promise to do our best to provide real-time updates to ensure our community is informed of the latest information available.

In close, we turn to Philippians 4:7, *"Let the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."*

Stay healthy, and God bless.

Sincerely,

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