March 13, 2020

Dear Parents,

As you know, St. Philip will be closed until March 31. It is possible that we will be closed longer. I will let you know if and when the closure is extended.

We will continue your child's education using a Remote Learning program. Students will be expected to work and be engaged in their school learning every day. Attached you will find our Remote Learning program and the Junior High Remote Learning Schedule.

4th through 8th-grade students will be using Google Classroom and Google Hangouts to meet with their teachers, participate in online lessons, and turn in assignments. These students will be marked as in attendance when they log into their live Hangout sessions.

Parents of younger students, TK through 3rd grades, will receive a daily email with three links to recorded lessons in math, language arts, and a morning meeting. Parents of these students will need to email their homeroom teacher each day to mark their child as in attendance.

During these weeks teachers will keep regular school day hours. They will continue to plan and deliver lessons to students, respond to student and parent emails, grade work, and record student attendance.

Monday, March 16 will be a pupil free day, giving the teachers time to plan for Remote Learning lessons. Tuesday, March 17 will mark our first day of Remote Learning. Attendance will be recorded according to the procedures described as part of the Remote Learning program. It is important that we take daily attendance so that we meet the required 180 days of school. Parents of TK-3rd grade students who do not email their teacher and 4th through 8th-grade students who do not log in to Google Hangouts will be marked as absent.

On Monday you will receive an instruction page with all of the "how-to" information for accessing the online content. If you are having any trouble accessing any of the online content, email your child's teacher for help. If you do not have a computer for your child to use at home, let us know and we will lend one to you that you can pick up on Monday.

I will continue to communicate with parents regularly and keep you up to date on plans for continued closure or re-opening.

Please keep praying with your children and pray especially for those impacted by this virus.

Sincerely, Jennifer