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Dear Parents and Guardians,

St. Bartholomew School will remain closed through Sunday, March 22, 2020, and we will reassess continued closure at that time. All activities are also canceled. There have been no reported or suspected cases of COVID-19 at St. Bartholomew School.

As stated in previous letters, St. Bartholomew School has been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected and thorough cleaning and disinfecting is again taking place this weekend. I thank our custodial staff and crew for their hard work.

We have taken proactive steps to prepare for distance learning. Last Friday, teachers received instruction and worked collaboratively to plan for distance learning. Parents/guardians will receive instructions specific to the grade level/course with prepared packets, which may be picked up by the parent/guardian at school on Monday, March 16, 2020, between 7:00 am and 10:00 am. Please do not enter the building if ill and please use hand sanitizer before entering.

General plans include the following and more specific instructions will be provided by the teachers:

- Teacher websites will be updated as needed. Please check daily.
- Grades K-2: Parents/guardians will pick up instructions, packets, assignments, and books. IXL will be used in Grade 2.
- Grade 3: Parents/guardians will pick up instructions, packets, assignments, and books. Check the teachers' websites for links. Google Classroom and IXL will be used.
- Grade 4: Parents/guardians will pick up instructions, packets, assignments, and books. Teachers will use Google Classroom, IXL, Google Hangout chat rooms and live videos.
- Grade 5: Parents/guardians will pick up instructions, packets, assignments, and books. Teachers will use Google Classroom, IXL, and Google Hangout chat rooms and live videos.
- Grades 6-8: Parents/guardians will pick up instructions, packets, assignments, and books. Teachers will use any of the following: Google Classroom, Padlet,

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our children to live the teachings of Jesus Christ.*

Flipgrid, IXL, Google Meet, Google Hangout chat room and live videos, and/or Nearpod.

- Pre-K: Teachers have created packets and activities which parents/guardians may pick up or view on teachers' websites.
- Instructions on accessing Google Classroom will be provided.
- If your child does not have access to a device, alternate assignments are being provided.
- Please see our website for a letter from Bishop Checchio.
- Please see our website for an article called, "Talking to Children About COVID-19 (Coronavirus): A Parent Resource."

Our librarian, Mrs. Phillips, has provided the information that follows.

There are two book services available from the East Brunswick Public Library that do not require authentication and can be found at EBPL.ORG:

The first is:

[TumbleBookLibrary](#)

<https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/Home.aspx?categoryID=77> You can cut and paste this address into your web browser.

E-books for young children offering animated, talking picture books.

The second is:

[TumbleBook Cloud Jr.](#)

<http://www.tbcjr.com/home.aspx> You can cut and paste this address into your web browser.

Browse this great selection of e-books, read-alongs, videos, audio books, and more for elementary school-aged readers!

These sites do not require authentication as long as they are accessed through the East Brunswick Public Library site. Our students' reading never has to stop!

In addition to these, the East Brunswick Public Library offers a number of databases for students, which can be found at <https://www.ebpl.org/kids/kids-databases.cfm>. Many of these resources will require an EBPL library card so remind your students to have one handy.

Thank you for your patience and support during this time.

God bless you,
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