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Dear Frassati Parents:

I am writing to share the latest information regarding COVID-19 as it relates to the Frassati Catholic Academy school community. **At this time, we plan to resume classes as scheduled on Monday, March 16, 2020. We have no known cases of COVID -19 among members of the Frassati community** and the MN Department of Health and the MN Department of Education are not recommending the closure of schools. They are recommending, however, that faculty, staff and students who have traveled to Level 3 countries or Washington State be self-quarantined for fourteen days. If you have traveled to any of these areas, I request that you follow these guidelines for the safety of your family and the safety of the school and larger community. Please contact the school office if you are keeping your children home due to self-quarantine or as a precaution. These will be treated as excused absences.

#### **Current plans for the education of our students**

I have been in communication with teachers this week, asking them to prepare multiple educational plans to meet different possibilities as we resume school. The teachers are planning regular lessons for our students on Monday, March 16, 2020.

In addition, teachers in grades K-4 are preparing lessons that can be shared with families via email. The teachers in grades 5-8 are planning e-learning lessons for their students. These lessons will be completed online using the student's school assigned Google account through Google classroom in the event of a school closure mandated by Governor Walz, self-quarantine for families that traveled to Level 3 areas or Washington State, or those students who are staying home based on parental decision.

#### **Student Support**

The ongoing media coverage of the COVID-19 situation can result in anxiety for adults and our children. Our school counselor, Jackie Virnig, will be onsite each Thursday. Please do not hesitate to request a referral from your child's teacher to schedule a visit.

The need to be informed must stay balanced. Please be mindful of your discussions at home and the amount of media coverage your children views. The following are links to information that can be a resource as you navigate this new reality.

- [Talking to Children About COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\): A Parent Resource](#)
- [Tips for Talking to Children About the Coronavirus](#)

As we work together to provide a safe learning environment for our children, let us pray for those who are ill and for the extraordinary health care professionals who care for them.

As this situation continues to unfold over the coming days, please visit our website where you can find additional resources from the CDC, Minnesota Department of Health, the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and the White Bear Lake School District,

In Christ,

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