

ST. FRANCIS  HIGH SCHOOL
COLLEGE PREPARATORY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

On March 29, 2020, President Trump announced that the federal government would keep its guidelines for social distancing in place through the end of April to try to curb the spread of the coronavirus. In addition, today Governor Pritzker extended the stay-at-home order until the end of April.

Therefore, E-Learning and remote work will continue until in-person instruction can resume. Our faculty are moving ahead with work on their classes with plans to engage, educate, and maintain the spirit of our wonderful community. In order to enable teachers to effectively respond to this extension of E-Learning, we also are in the midst of scheduling a few additional “planning days” and will notify you once those dates are finalized.

We are disappointed that many of our spring traditions are adversely affected by this. We are exploring the possibility of virtual celebrations and/or postponing certain celebrations until we are allowed to host large gatherings. As decisions are made, we will continue to keep you informed.

I remain hopeful that St. Francis High School will emerge through this crisis as an even stronger school community. Let us continue to remember in our prayers all those who are suffering from the coronavirus, that the Lord in His mercy would heal them. And for all those working on the front lines, that the Lord would protect them and give them the strength and wisdom they need to keep going. Below is a prayer from Fr. Rocky of Relevant Radio that I share with you.

You are in my daily prayers and all of us at SFHS remain grateful to the greater St. Francis High School community for your understanding and support.

God bless you and your families,



Dr. Betsy V. Ackerson, Ph.D.
President

“O Lady of Good Health, our Merciful Father chose you to be a powerful intercessor in times of trouble and woe.

As in past centuries when you have interceded to end contagious diseases, we implore you now to end the Coronavirus which is damaging the health of many and spreading fear in our communities.

Teach us not to be afraid, to be courageous and generous in offering assistance to others, and to live joyfully in the state of grace.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen”