



Dear GTACS families,

It has been a strange and difficult week, comprised of meetings upon meetings – each one revealing new things about the COVID-19 crisis and our necessary response. Please know of our great concern for all our school families, and our utmost desire to help each student on their individual learning path during the State-mandated closure.

What is known:

- On Thursday night at 11:00 pm, the State of Michigan mandated all school buildings be closed beginning on Monday, March 16 through Sunday, April 5. By doing so, we are doing our part to protect all people from the spread of the virus.
- All of our schools including our preschool and after school program, St. Joseph Club, and all grade level extracurricular activities will remain closed during this time.
  - Exception: The TRIP office will be open Monday 12:00-2:00 pm and Tuesday 2:00-6:00 pm this week.
  - Students were advised to take their needed items home with them on Friday. If you need to retrieve something from school, please do so on Monday during school hours.
- Postseason events sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association have been suspended indefinitely. Spring sports practices and camps are on-hold. The weight room and gyms are off-limits to all but custodial personnel.
- Bishop Raica has announced the suspension of all Sunday and weekday Masses within the Diocese of Gaylord beginning tomorrow, March 14 through Monday, April 6.

Since we are in the midst of Lent and the mystery of Jesus' 40 day fast in the desert, I cannot help but think how the isolation of “social distancing” might draw us all into deeper union with God. “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

We will be updating you via email as information is known. Please enjoy your weekend and trust that together, we can make the best of this difficult situation and perhaps even emerge on the other side a bit more grateful for God’s great gift of life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Michael R. Buell  
Superintendent