

March 23, 2020

Dear La Salle families,

On Saturday, March 21, 2020, Mayor Lyda Krewson and County Executive Sam Page, announced mandatory 30 day "Stay at Home" orders aimed at preventing the further spread of the COVID-19 virus. In light of these new restrictions, La Salle Middle School along with all schools in St. Louis City and County have decided to extend our school closures through April 22nd. This decision will be continually re-evaluated in coordination with our local government officials and Health Departments.

Alternative Learning

In an effort to ensure our students remain engaged in the learning process, your child's teacher has again developed units of study for at home learning that will be distributed on April 6th and 7th from 8am - 12pm at the School. When picking up the new learning packets, students should return the packet they received on March 18th in order for it to be graded. We recognize just as many of you are new to having your student learn from home, this is a completely new instructional model for our staff. Therefore, the teachers will continue to be available Monday - Friday, from 10am - 2pm via email to assist any student that has questions.

Special Education

Families with students who receive special education services can continue to expect to hear from our Special educators every week. Our Special educators, including related service providers, will continue to work closely with our general education teachers during the transition to at home learning. We want to ensure that the work sent home incorporates careful planning related to the accommodations that are unique to each child.

Food Service

Our responsibility to continue to provide a quality education to our students is matched by our duty to continue to nourish them. As such, we will resume our free "grab and go" breakfast and lunch options from 8am - 12pm on March 30 - April 22. Please see the [Map](#) for meal sites that are open during our Spring break (March 23 - 27). Be reminded anyone 18 years old or younger is welcome to pick up breakfast and lunch at any of the sites on the Map.

Our Community

This is an incredibly challenging time for our entire school community. And we realize that there are many different stressors facing our families. Therefore, we will continue to post resources and communication updates on our [website](#). We are also here to provide support, so please do not hesitate to reach out by phone or email. Lastly, we encourage you to continue to stay informed about the evolving response to the COVID-19 pandemic by regularly checking updates from the [Department of Health and Senior Services](#) (DHSS) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC). The State of Missouri has also activated a hotline for Missouri citizens seeking COVID-19 guidance. The number is 877-435-8411.

We will continue to work through this together to keep our students, families, and staff safe.

Best Regard,

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