

Blessed Sacrament School



March 13, 2020

Dear Blessed Sacrament School families,

I am writing to you today regarding a Diocese of Orange update on COVID-19. As you will understand from the attached letter from the Department of Catholic Schools, the Diocese of Orange has determined that proactive measures to ensure the health and safety of our school community members are necessary. As such, Blessed Sacrament School, and all other schools in the Diocese of Orange, will be ***closing all school buildings March 16-April 17, 2020***. We are planning to re-open school after the Easter Break on Monday, April 20, 2020.

It is important that Blessed Sacrament School children continue to receive quality academic content during this time. We will be implementing the Diocese of Orange Distance Learning Protocol in order to maintain academic progress for students. This protocol has been distributed to all Diocesan Catholic elementary schools.

Monday - Wednesday, March 16-18, will be considered Teacher Professional Development Days, so there will not be any work assigned on these days. Teachers will use these days to prepare for Distance Learning. A school communication will be sent to you with announcements and updates.

We are asking that all school children make arrangements to pick-up ***all school-books and necessary resources needed from school on Tuesday, March 17th or Wednesday, March 18th*** anytime between 7-8am or 2-3pm. We appreciate your support in making sure that children have the necessary materials at home to continue the learning progression.

Please know that the health and safety of our schools is paramount to the Diocese of Orange. We look forward to partnering with your family in this amended protocol for the coming weeks. Please expect to hear from me weekly with updates and to continue opportunities for communication. During this time we recommend practicing social distancing with the goal of reducing the occasions where numbers of people come together and potentially are exposed to the virus that is circulating in the community.

Many thanks in advance for your understanding. We pray for our community members to remain healthy and well during this pandemic time.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gloria Castillo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Gloria Castillo, Principal