



March 16, 2020

Dear Catholic Schools of Broome County (CSBC) Families,

We hope you are staying healthy and finding ways to protect yourselves from COVID -19. As you know, at this time, school is closed until April 14, 2020. Our goal at the CSBC is to deliver instruction to our students through distance learning formats. Our plan is to have student learning continue through the period that school is closed.

**Implementation:** Teachers have been working tirelessly to convert their lesson plans to a distance learning format. Our goal is to create an educational experience that aligns with the continuation of the ongoing curriculum they were teaching prior to school closure. Our distance education program for Pre-K through 12 will be fully operational on **Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**. You may even receive information sooner. Please be patient during this process as it is complicated and time-consuming to create quality online instruction.

**Access to Technology:** Currently underway is an assessment of our families' technology/internet access. Please complete the survey that your child's teachers will send to your email. This survey will help ensure that all families can fully participate in our distance learning.

**Communication:** Please continue to monitor emails as families/students will receive further instructions for access to instructional materials through email.

**School Building Access:** For those of you who need to access the schools for books, Chromebooks and other supplies, please note that each school will schedule days/times for material pick up.

**Instructional Plans:** Expect to receive information from CSBC teachers about required school work.

**Nutritious Meals for Students:** The CSBC website also has links to a list of district locations for nutritious meals for students as well as restaurants providing meals.

Above all, we are putting the health and safety of our CSBC community first while continuing to provide the education that our families have come to expect. Please continue checking your email for updates, as the situation is continually evolving. This is a difficult time for all of us, but the CSBC has always been a strong community and we will get through this together.

Please join me in praying for our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Carter', is written over a light blue background.

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