

Dear TFS parents and faculty/staff:

As of yesterday's press conference from Governor Cooper, all K-12 Public Schools in the state are mandated to be closed through the 27th of March. That being the case, and with the potential for further steps at the local and state level to promote "social distancing", TFS will be closed through March 27th as well. We will take this step to be good citizens and to assist in the State government's response to this crisis through a widespread effort to stem the "Community Spread" of the virus.

Updates will continue to be posted on our COVID-19 [page](#) on the school website. General information from governmental sources, as well as the communications from the Diocese of Raleigh offices, will be posted here. Please continue to check back often as we will continue to provide updates regularly on this page.

Our teachers are working diligently to provide the distance learning measures as we speak, and will communicate all of that to you as soon as we roll out those procedures and are ready to provide that content; we appreciate your patience. For students who were absent on Friday or forget necessary supplies at school, we will have some time **Tuesday, March 17th** for students to get those items. K-5th grade parents will be provided with packets or textbooks through the Thea office and we will open Siena for MS parents and students to get things from their lockers. We will finalize and communicate that information tomorrow, March 16th.

The faculty and staff will be here tomorrow to coordinate resources for the next two weeks. We will not provide non-employee access to the school buildings after Tuesday, March 17th as our faculty and staff will not be present in the buildings on a regular schedule after that day as they plan for care for their families too.

As always, we appreciate your support of The Franciscan School. I ask that we all continue to show understanding, flexibility and patience as we work through these unprecedented circumstances.

Sincerely,

Michael Watson
Principal at The Franciscan School