

Dear TFS parents and faculty/staff:

I hope you all had a quiet weekend with your family!

Today the governor announced in his weekly press conference that all public schools will remain closed until May 15th in North Carolina. The Franciscan School does not follow the public school calendars, but we are working with the Diocese of Raleigh to determine what our next steps should be given this announcement. As of this evening, I have not heard what their recommendation will be, but I can assure you once I find out I will provide that information to the school community.

As many of us suspected, our distance learning will continue for quite some time. The faculty and staff, in close cooperation with our new “at home” teachers, have been doing a remarkable job in keeping the students engaged in their academics. In the coming weeks, I know we will continue as a community to support each other in continuing our students’ success.

Our teachers and staff stand ready to answer any questions you might have about their classes or assist with the difficulty of distance learning. [Mike](#), [Michele](#) and [Colette](#) remain available for any general questions about the school and our plans going forward. We will remain transparent through this process and give you timely updates. As we look to the weeks ahead, we will continue to deliver the support and guidance you need to assure we are providing the academic progress and success you expect for your students.

We feel it is important to continue to actively pray together, even from a distance, as a community, and to celebrate the student and faculty birthdays and any lighter school news we can. We also want to provide you with the most up-to-date news and information we have while maintaining the faith filled school community you all love and helped to build. Please continue to utilize our COVID-19 news [page](#) for resources, information, and “community connections”, including our morning prayer videos.

Thank you for being part of The Franciscan School family! Your tremendous support and praise, and your willingness to work in parental partnership with us, at this time and always, is what makes this community such a great environment for faith, academics and thoughtful service to others!

Sincerely,

Michael Watson
Principal at The Franciscan School