



Dear ONE Troy,

Let me first say “thank you” for the many messages and your patience as we continue to work through our response to the COVID-19 situation. We are so fortunate to work in a community with such an incredible level of support for our schools.

There are a few important things to tell you today. First parents (only), you will be receiving a phone call in a few minutes reminding you that **school is cancelled for tomorrow, Friday, March 13** so that we can work with our teachers on digital platform and online tools. It’s important to note that this is a **one-day closure only**—our intention is to resume school on Monday, March 16. This is a continually moving situation, however, and I will let you know as soon as possible if that changes.

Also, your children likely came home with more than they usually carry each day. To be best prepared for any disruption in our regular schedule, we are encouraging students to bring home essential materials each day. We encourage students to take the following items home each day and bring them back to school in the morning. This will ensure that our students are prepared in the event that we have to cancel school at any time.

Essentials List Grades K-2

Math Journal
Math Homework & Remembering Workbook
Writing Paper or Writer’s Notebook
Books for Reading

Essentials List Grades 3-5

iPad (with charger)
Math Journal
Math Homework & Remembering Workbook
Writer’s Notebook or Reader’s Notebook
Books for Reading

Essential List Grades 6-12

iPad (with charger)
Textbooks (where digital versions are not available)
Independent Reading/Book Club Books
Instruments
Binders, Class folders, Notebooks or other essential materials

IMPORTANT INFO FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS: In order to truly leverage online content for our students, we had to remove some of the filters to allow YouTube to function effectively on district iPads. Many of the educational videos on YouTube that our teachers were trying to share with students were getting caught in those filters. Please be mindful of this as you

monitor your middle school students' use on his/her iPad. Students should be aware that our technology acceptable use policy is still in force.

LAST MINUTE CHILD CARE TOMORROW

We recognize that unplanned closures are difficult for families with young children, and the uncertainty of this situation can be a real challenge. The Boys and Girls Club of Troy will be open tomorrow and has generously offered a day rate of \$10 to any Troy School District student looking for a supervised (and fun!) place to spend the day tomorrow. You do not have to be a member to take advantage. The Boys and Girls Club serves students ages 6-18 and will be open from 7am-6pm.

CANCELLATIONS/POSTPONEMENTS:

The Michigan High School Athletic Association today decided to cancel all postseason events. Here in Troy, that means Boys Basketball Regionals are cancelled (which we had decided to limit spectators.)

All HS Athletic practices and games are cancelled indefinitely (two sports held their final day of tryouts today but no teams will be practicing or holding games/contests until further notice. Additional information will be sent out next week.)

All enrichment classes (Adult and Youth) are cancelled through Spring Break.

Middle School Volleyball and Wrestling seasons are cancelled for the remainder of the season.

The Troy High Production of "Mary Poppins" has been postponed.

Many City of Troy programs have been cancelled. You can see the complete information here:

Finally, if you are having trouble receiving messages from me (if this was forwarded to you or your husband got it, but you didn't), please check your spam and junk folders. I have sent out more than usual lately and sometimes that gets flagged by email providers as spam. PARENTS: If you believe there may be an error in your contact information, you can check what is listed in your child's PowerSchool account by following the directions attached here: If you do spot an error or need to add an additional email address, please contact your child's school on FRIDAY (tomorrow.) The secretaries in the building can help get it fixed so that you can be sure to keep up to date on the latest information. STAFF: If you are having problems receiving emails, please contact the main office in your school. They will be able to change your info in School Messenger. Remember you can always see all my messages (and additional information on the District's preparation for COVID-19 on our webpage—scroll down to the second to last FAQ for all our communications.)

And let me say it one final time—we truly appreciate the flexibility of our staff and parents as we all work together to ensure learning for our students and help fight the spread of coronavirus in the community we all love.

Have a great weekend, parents & students and to our staff—we will see you all tomorrow!

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