



HEALTH & SAFETY – COVID-19 UPDATE
March 14, 2020

Cardinal Newman High School Closed effective March 16-March 29, 2020
Online Distance Learning to begin Tuesday, March 17, 2020

ALL events, athletic practices, competitions and all co-curricular activities cancelled until further notice.

Dear Cardinal Newman High School Parents and Guardians and Students,

In consultation with the Catholic School Department of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, Cardinal Newman High School will close its campus for a minimum two-week time period, beginning Monday, March 16 through March 29, and all instruction will move to our online distance learning program effective Tuesday, March 17. Faculty and staff received professional development training for our online distance learning program on March 13 and we will continue their training and preparation on Monday, March 16.

Academic Deans, Bernadette Calhoun and Rich Herrmann will send out information, instructions and details for student and parent access to the Cardinal Newman Online Distance Learning program.

While we DO NOT have a current case of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in our school, the school closure decision was informed by our duty to protect the health and safety of all members of our school community and our larger responsibility to take action in slowing the spread of this virus. We are confident that we can deliver a quality educational experience through our school's Distance Learning plans. Based upon the expertise of school's around the world, the plan includes synchronous and asynchronous techniques. Students will be responsible to check in and out of each class. They will work collaboratively as well as individually using tools such as Google Classroom, video conferencing technology (Zoom or Google Hangouts), online lessons, and the use of Google applications for shared work. Faculty and staff have been trained in the tools for remote learning and we are continuing to provide ongoing professional development for our faculty and staff. We will provide an explanation of student expectations, and your child's teachers will follow up with specific instructions regarding their course expectations

If students need to pick up books or other belongings, we encourage them to come to campus and get those items on Monday, March 16, between the hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm.

During this time, students should stay home as much as possible and be discouraged from congregating with other persons in public spaces, such as movie theaters or community centers to stop the spread of the virus. The health and safety of our students, faculty and staff is our top priority. Thank you for your understanding and support as we navigate these challenging times. We will continue to provide updates. We continue to keep all of you and our entire community in our prayers.

Most Sincerely,

Laura M. Held, President

Graham Rutherford, Dean of Student Life

Bernadette Calhoun, Dean of Technology and Instruction

Rich Herrmann, Dean of Curriculum and Instruction