



## CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL

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March 15, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

These have been days, really weeks now, of the unexpected and unprecedented. As our nation and our city continue to take steps to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we write to share a plan we have developed for the weeks ahead. Please keep in mind that, even as we create these plans, we do so with the understanding that the situation is fluid and the future ever evolving.

**Canisius High School will be closed effective immediately until Monday, April 20. On-line/home instruction will begin on Monday, March 23.** What we share with you now is our best effort to plan for this period of time.

As you may recall, this Friday is already a scheduled holiday for students. Beginning on-line instruction on Monday, March 23 allows the faculty time to plan and develop creative and effective ways to deliver curriculum. Since CHS has been a leader in implementing an iPad program for educational instruction for many years now, our students are very comfortable reading their textbooks, writing, submitting papers, taking tests and quizzes, etc. electronically. Faculty, staff and students use the same electronic tools and programs. This is helpful at a time like this.

**Please take note of the following points which will apply throughout our school closure:**

- Although we announced to all students on Friday to take their belongings home, in the event that your son was unable to do so, he may retrieve items from his locker on Monday or Tuesday between 9:00AM and 3:00PM.

- Retreats and service immersion trips have been cancelled.
- All co-curricular activities and school related travel are cancelled.
- The spring athletics season has been suspended until school resumes.
- Student ID cards will not allow student access to school facilities until on-site school instruction resumes.
- iPads/IT issues should be handled through the help desk: [helpdesk@canisiushigh.org](mailto:helpdesk@canisiushigh.org)

### **For Seniors:**

We have not received any information from the College Board regarding their plans for AP exams. Unless we hear otherwise, the APs will take place as scheduled. School exams, however, will be cancelled for seniors.

We are certainly mindful of the events which celebrate our seniors and their achievements at the end of the school year. We are as hopeful as you are that these events will take place as planned.

### **Illness and Travel:**

The Erie County Health Department has recommended that people refrain from unnecessary travel outside of the eight (8) counties of Western New York. If your son travels beyond WNY please notify our school nurse, Mrs. Denise Keating, at [keating@canisiushigh.org](mailto:keating@canisiushigh.org). We request this information so that we can appropriately plan and monitor the health and safety of our community.

If your son or someone in your household is diagnosed with, or exhibits signs of COVID-19, please notify Mrs. Keating.

This information will be shared with the school administration to determine whether we will need to ask individuals to refrain from coming to campus for at least 14 days after their return home or illness.

### **Office Hours:**

- School Offices will be open from 9:00AM until 3:00PM during home instruction time.
- The reception area will be open from 8:30AM until 4:00PM.

More information will be sent to you regarding the eLearning plan for online instruction in the next few days. You may also receive information and requests from various offices. Please continue to be attentive and responsive in the days ahead.

We are grateful for the trust you place in Canisius High School for the care, formation and education of your sons. Be assured that we remain deeply committed to this sacred trust. It is in this spirit that we take the actions we do today.

With prayerful best wishes for you and your family,

Fr. David S. Ciancimino  
President

Ms. Andrea Tyrpak-Endres  
Principal