

St. Augustine High School  
Coronavirus Update  
Sunday, March 15, 2020

***St. Augustine High School holds the well-being, health, and safety of students and staff as a top priority. With this in mind, we are writing to update you on an evolving health issue involving the Coronavirus (COVID-19).***

Dear St. Augustine parents and guardians,

I hope you and your family are well.

As you know from previous communications, we have been closely monitoring the quickly evolving news and information about the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Greater New Orleans and surrounding areas. We will continue to monitor the situation for the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff, as well as the broader community.

This situation is fluid and changes are occurring rapidly. Everything that we communicate is subject to revision and updating, so please be patient. This is uncharted territory for all of us.

During this unprecedented period, we will ensure that effective, relevant learning takes place to the best of our ability. Teachers will be as creative as possible in researching and presenting meaningful instructional materials, remotely, to students. We will move to remote learning beginning Wednesday, March 18. Teachers will be accessible by email and Plus Portals. Teachers will interact regularly with students. We are also in the process of establishing a help desk to field your questions regarding technology, online learning tools, and messages for teachers. More detailed information regarding the remote learning environment will follow in the next day or so. We anticipate a return to normal operations on Monday, April 13.

The Administration and all non-teaching staff, including Campus Ministers, Guidance counselors, and the like, will also be available throughout the duration of this situation. All coursework provided by teachers is mandatory and will be reflected in fourth quarter grades. [Click here to find all faculty and staff email addresses.](#)

We will open the campus to parents and students on Tuesday, March 17, from 7:30 a.m. to noon so that you may retrieve books, course materials, and personal items from lockers. Please enter at the front entrance.

Finance Office staff will be available daily via phone and email from 8 a.m. to noon, or by appointment. Messages will be returned within 24 business hours.

As a reminder, First Bank and Trust offers several ways to manage your tuition and fees without visiting the school finance office or a bank branch. Visit the First Bank and Trust tuition portal to make payments and check your account.

All athletics (practices and games), music (rehearsals and performances), and club activities are canceled until we return to normal operations.

During the closure, our maintenance team will proceed with daily, deep cleaning of the school campus necessary for our students to safely resume normal classes.

Please continue to monitor school emails, Plus Portal communications, and the COVID-19 Information page at [www.stagnola.org](http://www.stagnola.org) for regular updates.

I am profoundly grateful for your patience, flexibility, and resolve.

Sincerely,

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St. Augustine High School