St. Augustine High School Coronavirus Update Monday, March 16, 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,

St. Augustine faculty and staff are building resources and collaborating to support ongoing teaching and learning for students. Our goal is to keep our students and teachers as connected as possible, and to keep student responsibility, commitment, and engagement towards their schoolwork a priority. Some teachers have already started sharing course information with students. Remote learning will begin on Wednesday, March 18. Teachers will be accessible by email and Plus Portals. We urge students to log in daily to review lessons and assignments.

Today, the department chairs and faculty focused on the school's extended closure plan, refining the model for remote learning. In keeping with the school's mission and commitment to support students, the model of remote learning has the following aim:

- Move forward the learning goals of each class.
- Include varied, creative, activities and assignments.
- Simulate an interactive class setting.
- Be sustainable and support remote work for faculty and students.

Students and parents should log in to Plus Portals to access lessons from each class starting on Wednesday.

Via Plus Portals students and parents will:

- Access course lectures.
- Access lesson plans.
- Find additional resources provided by each teacher.
- View teacher's virtual office hours.
- View grades, assignments, and homework.

Students should anticipate weekly assignments and flexible instructional hours. We anticipate a return to normal operations on Monday, April 13.

Help Desk: Available starting on March 18

We have established a help desk to provide parents and students with a way to address issues regarding technology, online learning tools, and to help convey messages to teachers.

Reach the Help Desk by sending an email to <u>techhelp@purpleknights.com</u>. Please allow 48 hours for a response.

When Do I Need to Contact the Help desk?

Contact the help desk immediately if you are having trouble logging in to Plus Portals. Haven't heard from an instructor. Have access issues. Have questions about the Plus Portals app. Have questions about any of the other online learning tools.

CANCELED: Student Personal item Pickup Day

Due to a new advisory limiting gatherings, we are canceling Tuesday's opportunity for students to pick up personal items.

Effective immediately the campus is now CLOSED to all visitors, including students, and parents.

Finance Office

The campus is closed to all parents and students. 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.

Faculty & Staff Directory

Click here to find all faculty and staff email addresses.

Athletics & Activities

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

Please continue to monitor school emails, Plus Portal communications, and the COVID-19 Information page at www.staugnola.org for regular updates.

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