



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN ACADEMY

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GSLA Families:

The health and safety of our students are of the utmost importance. GSLA will join District 58 in closing for a period of time beginning Monday, March 16. We will tentatively plan to return Monday, April 6th. What this means is that if all goes well, students will miss 10 days of school. The third week is our scheduled Spring Break (March 30-April 3). We also understand that there is the potential for this closure to be extended. We will stay in close communication with you all to make sure you are well informed of school decisions.

GSLA will be asking all of our students (K-8) to take home materials from all of their core subjects after school today. There will be two ways in which you will be able to receive your child's assignments:

1. On Monday morning, the 16th, teachers will be at school from 7:30 AM until 9:30 AM and you will be able to pick up the paper copies of your assignments.
2. If you are unable to make it to school at that time, teachers will message you the list of assignments as well as the necessary materials via Jupiter Ed on Monday morning as well.

Each week we will ask that our students complete three days' worth of work in their core subjects (Which will vary from grade to grade). As you work with your child on these assignments and have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Completed work (daily or weekly) can be submitted via Jupiter Ed (as a message with an attachment) unless instructed to submit differently. Each Friday (March 20 and 27) teachers will be available at GSLA from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM to collect completed assignments.

When school resumes, each teacher will review the concepts learned while during this closure to ensure student learning and understanding before moving on to new concepts.

For those students that do not have access to their own personal Chromebook or laptop, they will be sent home with one (and the charger). Because of the delicate nature of the Chromebooks and related equipment, all students are to exercise extreme care when using Chromebooks. No food or beverages should be allowed near or around the Chromebooks.

PreK students will also be sent home with a packet of learning activities that can be done during the time off.

Finally, I encourage you to pray. Pray that our families and communities stay healthy. Pray for our leaders, our healthcare workers, our National Guard troops, and the many others who are working around the clock to keep us healthy. It is amazing that we can pray to an all-powerful,

all-loving God who hears and answers those prayers. We do not know how the COVID-19 pandemic will play out. God does. And He has everything under control.

Once again, thank you all for your understanding and patience regarding this event. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at any time.

In Christ,

Mr. Roekle